

### **International students** adjust to life at NSU

Prienstorfer and De Poorter arrive on foreign exchange





#### Basketball coach retires after 17 years

Coach James Smith says, "It's time to move on."

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#### Sauce on the Side

#### Mathews new activities director

Jeff Mathews, Northwestern's new director of Student Activities and Organizations, has made future plans for the Student Activities Board and how it can continue to benefit and improve NSU students this academic year.

Mathews, a native of Bossier City, graduated from NSU in 1990 and received his master's degree at the University of Northern Texas.

Mathews taught at NSU in the music program for six years and was director of the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band.

Currently, Mathews is in the process of completing his doctorate at the University of Southern Mississippi, with 12 hours remaining.

This is Mathews' first administrative job.

When Carl Henry, the former director of Student Activities and Organizations, retired this summer, Mathews noticed the job was open and applied. Part of the application process was listing 10 personal goals. One of Mathews' goals was to enter university life in administration to be there for the students. To his surprise, he was hired.

"This job still offers opportunities to be around students, which was my favorite part of being a teacher," Mathews said.

As the new director, Mathews said he plans to have the SAB work to continue its past successes and also to expand the number of student activities so students can see that SAB is working for them.

Lora Sheppard

#### **Biology department receives** endowed professorship

University President Randall Webb and other members of the faculty, staff and administration gathered in Russell Hall to receive a check for \$40,000 as part of a fund to set up an endowed professorship in the biology

Webb stood before Natchitoches' Mayor Wayne McCullen, representatives of the Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System to receive the check for \$40,000 Monday afternoon. The check presentation took place in the Natchitoches Room in Russell Hall at 3:30 p.m.

Webb said he was happy to have been given such a contribution. He said that when the University gets such a donation the administrators try hard to put the money to use in helping students. The money received, he continued, will be used to create a professor position in the biology department. The Board of Regents has also made plans to match the check to help create the endowed position.

The check from Monday's presentation came from the Coypu Foundation, an organization that gives out grants to groups that study biology. Webb said Julie Callihan, a local resident to Natchitoches, played the biggest role in helping the university obtain the grant from Coypu.

Callihan said that after she asked the Coypu Foundation to consider Northwestern as the next recipient of their grant, she then told the university about her request and NSU made a formal application to the

Kyle A. Carter

#### Symphony holds sponsorship drive

The Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society will hold a sponsorship drive Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the NSU President's Home.

Memberships are available at five levels. Sponsor level is \$50 and includes two season tickets while the Patron level is \$100 and offers three season tickets. The Benefactor level is \$250 and includes four season tickets.

Gold underwriters contribute at the \$500 level and receive four season tickets plus four table tickets for the annual Pops concert, two tickets for any musical or gala, one-eighth page ad in the program and a decal with the symphony logo.

A donation of \$1,000 or more entitles donors to Platinum underwriters benefits which includes six season tickets plus eight table tickets for the annual Pops concert, two tickets for any musical or gala, one-fourth page ad in the program and a decal with the symphony

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

# Pads sunk by rain

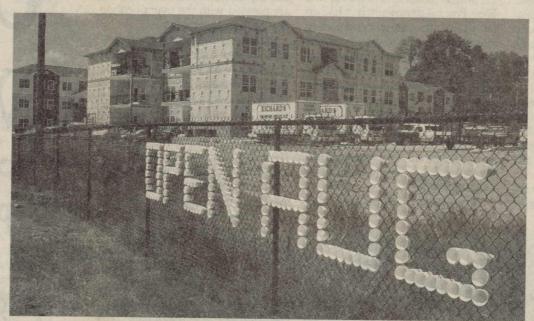
By Kyle A. Carter News Editor

With the start of the semester, NSU students can see the latest addition to the community in the form of the Frog Pond Apartments.

The Frog Pond Apartments, located across from campus next to Brookshire's parking, were scheduled to be finished in time for the start of the 2004 fall semester. Julia Coleman, property manager for Frog Pond, said the construction crew faced major setbacks due to large amounts of rain.

"We had a tremendous amount of rain," Coleman said. "The rain was a tremendous detriment to where we wanted to be on opening

Jack Mansen, project manager, said his contractors had to deal with 96 days of rain.



Leslie Westbrook/ the Current Sauce The Frog Pond Apartments as they reach compeletion on September 1. The apartments were supposed to be finished by August 20 but because of set backs from rain they are still under construction.

February, May and especially they dealt with about 25 out time, some of the apartment June, they experienced the of 30 days of rain that varied most amount of rain. He also form a drizzle to a monsoon. when much of his building He said that in the months of said that in the month of June Mansen said that during this crew had to deal with three

construction was impossible

feet of mud.

"Weather was the biggest impact," Mansen said. "We hired and had sufficient contractors to do the work and competent crews; the rain was just a problem."

Mansen also said that early in the construction phase, some of the contractors had trouble getting building materials. He said they had a hard time finding supplies because many needed items were being sent to help rebuild Iraq.

Mansen said because of an economic boom in China, the country started buying up large amounts of metals needed by the Frog Pond contractors to help complete their

These caused an increase in construction supplies and a more competitive struggle to obtain needed materials.

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### Wireless Internet now active on campus

By Robert Tummons Sauce Reporter

This fall, to the interest of many students who are technology junkies, a handful of locations on campus have become wireless hotspots. This will allow students with laptops or personal data assistants with the right hardware to access the Internet, check their e-mail or just instant message their friends

from wherever they stand. such as Prather Coliseum, Roy Hall, the President's Office and Leesville's camnot in the most accessible

"The basic goal is to provide as many locations on campus for students to connect at any time," Tracy Brown, director of technical services, said. "The dream is to have the entire campus wireless one day, so that anyonline wherever they might

Dreams or not, the hotspots

already in place on campus have raised questions by many students. "I really don't go to those places that much," said Phylisca Gibson, a business

administration sophomore. "I guess it's all right, but I just really don't go to those places." "I would prefer to see it in

the library, since that's where However, with locations I spend a majority of my time," said Gery Wood, junior professional studies major.

'The ones they put in don't pus, some students wonder seem like the best places for why the locations chosen are students," said sophomore Erin Walker. "It seems like the places they plan on putting would be better places, if they would install them

> Friedman Student Union, Watson Library and Kyser Hall, the three busiest buildings for student traffic, are all tentative locations. Brown

"The dream is to have the entire campus wireless one day, so that anyone with a laptop can get online wherever they might be."

**Tracy Brown** 

Association approved the wireless network funding planned for the Student Union.

Pending funds from the Student Technology Fees, both the Student Union and Watson Library are scheduled to have their wireless networks completed by this fall, Brown said.

Brown said the wireless access points for Kyser Hall have already been paid, but funding for the installation will come from student fees. Kyser Hall's network is also scheduled for completion in

Eventually, the Health and P.E. Majors' Building, Russell one with a laptop can get said the Student Government Hall and Bienvenu Hall will

Director of Technical Services have wireless networks, Brown said. These other loca-

tions are scheduled for com-

pletion in spring 2005. Brown said that the locations where the networks are already in place were chosen as a test, using faculty location first to work out any bugs in the system.

Although the idea of being online from anywhere at anytime is exciting to some students, others do not have a laptop or PDA to use the net-

"I don't use the wireless network, but it would be easy to use because you're not tied down to a desk," said Ashli Daigle, junior English major.

'That'd be really cool, I should work."

mean, I don't have wireless capabilities, but it seems really good," said Andee Savoy, unior liberal arts major. "I don't see any negatives, except for costing money." Brown said initial funding

for the existing wireless networks came from a capital outlay proposal.

For those who are wireless capable, Brown said that the operating systems supported are Windows XP, Windows 2000 and Mac OS X, for Apple

Brown said those with wireless network cards that support 802.11b will probably not be supported, since the network will conform to the wireless Wi-Fi Protected Access standard and newer 802.11g hardware will work

"We use the latest and greatest in security, and the older systems won't work." Brown said. "If you go to Wal-Mart and get the latest and greatest access card, it

#### SGA focuses on security: new cameras in the works

Sauce Reporter

The Student Government Association's first meeting of the year gave notice that \$95,000 has been set aside from the \$1.4 million Student Technology Assessment Team budget, to possibly buy security cameras for the Uni-

A major goal of STAT this year is to place security cameras around the campus to increase campus security. The \$95,000 project must be approved by December 3, or the funds will be used in the

By Kristen Dauzat rollover budget for next year. SGA President Mindy

McConnell said the cameras would be mainly placed in parking lots. However, the Student Safety Committee will officially determine how much of the budget will go toward the cameras and where they will be placed on

"We are looking at 10 cameras at 10 different places," McConnell said.

"They would benefit more students than wiring another dorm, increase security on campus, and were within our budgetary means," vice chairman of STAT Edward L.

Boudreaux III said. "There were some objections raised because it could increase NSU's liability if something were to happen, but that's the point of the cameras. They will deter crime from happening, and should something happen, we will be able to identify those responsible."

Other STAT plans are to wire Varnado Hall for Internet use, make a copy center in Watson Library, buy new laptops for student use, make Friedman Student Union a wireless hotspot and upgrade computers on cam-

Also, at the SGA meeting, the Student Affairs Committee announced plans to put on two forums this semester and will meet twice a month to help students with their

"We wanted to provide more than just a lip service," senator Jack Halford said. Speaker of the sen-

ate Alan Sypert said the Student Advisory Council plans to have a Civic Engagement Program to encourage students to register to vote.

Another council project is the eighth grade initiative which encourages students to take certain classes in high

school to better prepare them for college.

Senator Kelly Menard previously resigned as External Affairs Commissioner, and senator Matt Bartley was appointed to the position. SGA elections will be held

Sept. 22-23, and runoffs will be from Sept. 29-30.

A paid executive assistant position is available. There are also six Supreme Court justice positions open.

Although next Monday is a school holiday, the SGA will meet at 7 p.m. in the Cane River Room after a vote determined they would have the meeting.

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# New program encourages civic involvement

By Michael Arcement Sauce Reporter

Northwestern students will be encouraged to participate in the American Democracy Project, a national project involving more than 200 colleges and universities.

The project's goal is to encourage students to give back to the community and be active members of their college communities. This is the second year of nationwide participation in the ADP.

Greg Granger, acting director of the Louisiana Scholars' College, is the chief academic officer for the project at NSU.

As part of the program, student participation and interaction with the local community will improve the quality of the community. It will also serve as a recruitment tool for NSU by getting recognition in local media, Granger said. The New York Times and PBS support

"We are a public university so we have some public responsibilities," Granger said, who

first heard of this program in July after a call from University Provost Anthony Scheffler.

University of Louisiana System President Sally Clausen notified Scheffler that she wanted all system schools to participate.

Granger said he believes Clausen heard of the ADP from her time as University president at Southeastern Louisiana University, which has already begun implementation of the ADP. Granger was then sent to a conference in New Mexico to

gather information on starting the program at NSU. Representatives from Louisiana Tech and Nicholls State also attended the conference.

Granger said the program includes a three-stage development cycle, each of which will last about

Stage one is known as Campus Conversation. It involves the creation of a Steering Committee to help direct the implementation of the ADP. Granger expressed interest in including the Current Sauce, the SGA, the Provost's office, and

the School of Social Sciences as part of the Steering Committee.

The Scholars' College will be the headquarters for the ADP and will house documentation concerning its progress at NSU.

There will also be a campus audit of what student organizations are already doing to give back to the community, and the program will attempt to tie them all together in a more unified effort. The audit will also determine what new activities need to be done by student organizations, Granger said.

There are grants available to stude fund projects as part of participa. The tion in the ADP, and Granger has large

books that list these grant sources. Students have to fill out a gran denti application and write a grant pro open posal, but the money is there to room fund ideas relating to the ADP appli

Granger said. Interested students, faculty and will be organizations can contact Grange begin at grangerg@nsula.edu. A website is planned and will have more information on how to involved.

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#### FROG POND FROM PAGE 1

ect like this would be impacted by the world economy," Mansen said.

Despite not having all aspects of the construction of the Frog Pond complex finished, students still began to move in on Friday, Aug. units Coleman said. Before the

total units were finished allowing for most of the leasers to begin the move in process. He said that by press time a total of eight units on some unfinished units, but were approved by the state fire those people do not have to worry

Mansen also said he expects the are completed. the apartments and clubhouse to be

"It is hard to believe that a proj- completed around the beginning of

No one holding a lease at the Frog Pond Apartments has had to be placed in temporary housing since the opening of the first seven opening day in August, some NSU At that time seven out of the 10 athletes who were planning to move in before everyone else had to be accommodated. Coleman said there are people holding leases about paying rent until the units

Despite the continued construc- said.

tion and minor repairs that need to be made, students who have already moved into the open units are pleased with the overall condition of their apartments.

Martell Jackson, sophomore general studies major, said his only problem so far has been with parking. Other students, like Tiffany Johnson, sophomore secondary education major, and Veronica Thomas, freshman nursing major, said they love their units.

"It is cheaper and nicer compared to the Columns," Jennifer Atkins, sophomore pre-med major,

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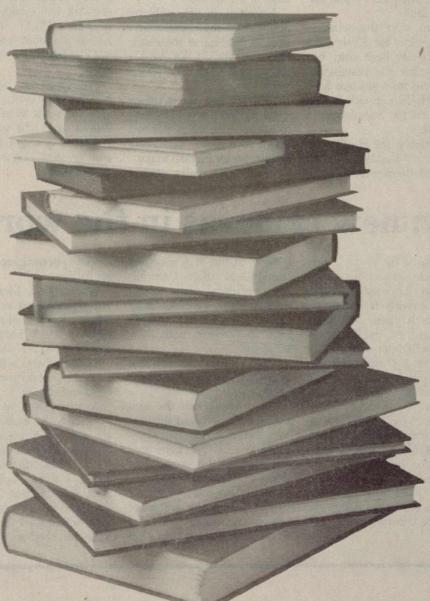
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For more information call Elaine Broussard at 357-5381 or email us at currentsauce@nsula.edu.



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce Two Price Contracting, Inc. workers break for lunch at the partially unfinished Frog Pond apartment complex

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faculty and will be held on Monday, Sept. 13 act Grange beginning at 8:30p.m.

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geography and anthropology will be added, as well as a program that

ciation is now accepting applications for an executive assistant. This is a paid student job. Please pick-up an application in the SGA office, Student Union Room 222. For further information call Mindy McConnell at 357-4335.

**Campus Connections** 

Anyone interested in running for SGA Class Senator can pick up an application in the SGA Office beginning on Friday, Sept. 3. Applications will be due on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Elections will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22, and Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004

**NSU Football** 

Student Football Tickets! Current NSU students can pick up their football game tickets at the Athletic Ticket Office located in the NSU Fieldhouse at the south end of the football stadium. The Athletic Ticket office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are free to students but a valid student ID is required

**American Chemical Society** 

The American Chemical Society will be holding a meeting on Friday, Sept. 3 in Fournet room 107 at noon. All are welcome especially science majors and minors. There will be free pizza.

**KNWD** 

KNWD presents the third-annual End of Summer Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11 starting at 12 p.m. The EOS Fest is a local band music festival that will be free to all. More information will appear in next week's paper. Contact Candice at 354-9539 for more informa-

Argus

The Argus Art and Literary Magazine will be holding a staff interest meeting Thursday, September, 9 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Kyser room 335. All can attend and scholarships may be available.

#### Anthropology goes the way of the dinosaur: new degree program planned

By Brandon Newsom Sauce Reporter

The anthropology degree at Northwestern will soon be as extinct as the fossils the department's students study. The Board of Regents has decided to close the program down.

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There is one Representative at

12 p.m. in Room 214. Elections

Anyone interested in running

for Mr. and Miss NSU or the 2004

up information in the Student

Activities Office in Room 214 of

the Student Union beginning Fri-

day, Sept. 3. Any organizations

wishing to sponsor an entry may

also pick up information at that

on Wednesday, Sept. 22 and

Thursday, Sept. 23.

time. Filings will end on Tuesday,

Sept. 14, and elections will be held

The Student Government Asso-

NSU Homecoming Court can pick

is there to room 214. The deadline for these

the ADP applications is Friday, Sept. 10 at

Stand out in the crowd! Join the

The anthropology program has been at NSU since 1961 and will be shut down due to an insufficient number of graduates. Each degree is required to have at least forty students graduate within a five year period, and NSU's anthropology program has not met the

Kathleen Byrd, director of social sciences, said the students currently enrolled in the program will be able to graduate, and new students will be able to enroll in a new, sim-

New courses with more applied deals with a computerized mapping and database system called Geographic Information Sources

Pete Gregory, an anthropology professor at NSU, said the new program is unnamed, but the Board of Regents suggested Cultural Heritage Resources Management as the degree title. Gregory said he doubts the name will stay and hopes the new program and courses will be running by June 2005.

Jon Gibson, the first student to graduate from NSU's program, went on to become the head of the program at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

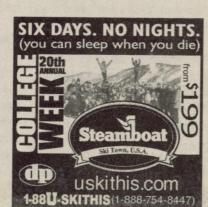
Some current anthropology students are optimistic about the new degree program.

Senior Ronnie Cupit said he thinks the change could be good because of the classes and programs the new degree will bring. However, he said he also thinks it will be bad because of the loss of tradition. Another senior, Tamara Miller, said she thinks this is a big

loss for NSU, but does hope something good will come of it.

"Our plan is to equip the students with the knowledge and skills which will enable them to obtain employment with state and federal park systems, historic preservation organizations and cultural recourse management firms upon graduation." Byrd said.

Gregory said he does not think the new program will be much different, but more like "old wine in a new bottle."



#### **NSU Police Blotter**

8-20-04

1:06 p.m.

A caller requested that the Natchitoches Fire Department come to the TEC building.

1:25 p.m.

According to the President's Office, the following buildings were shut down: TEC, Watson Library, the Coliseum, Bienvenu and Kyser.

1:32 p.m.

The TEC building was evacuated. Only the Natchitoches Fire Department and maintenance crew remained to air out smoke.

1:56 p.m.

Russell hall was shut down.

9:07 p.m.

There was a report of a suspiious person in the Kyser parking

4:30 a.m. The Phi Mu letters were chained the Tri Sigma house.

8-22-04

4:33 p.m. A car spun off the road on Tarlon Drive.

8:53 a.m.

A call came regarding a dead cat on the road by Dodd Hall.

7:15 p.m.

The sheriff's department called because the Natchitoches Fire Department and the Natchitoches Parish Hospital were en route to Iberville Dining Hall for a man who was having trouble breathing. He was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

3:19 a.m.

A call came from Sabine about a woman having chest pains. She was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

3:32 p.m.

A call was received from the University Columns regarding a weapon that had been found. An officer was dispatched to investi-

3:53 p.m.

A woman reported a hit and run on a 2004 gold Cavalier in the Sabine parking lot. 4:03 p.m.

A woman called to report an altercation between a student and his mother on the third floor of Kyser. An officer was dispatched to put an end to the squabble.

4:30 p.m.

A man called about a dog locked in a black Toyota Corolla for more than 30 minutes.

A girl called in reference to loose

Two men were involved in a situation with alcohol at the Universi-

roosters in the Dodd parking lot.

ty Columns. 11:44 p.m.

A call was received about the same two men with the alcohol. One of the two was issued a summons for public intoxication, and they were both asked to leave the premises.

1:32 p.m.

A woman called because a black truck hit her, and she needed to be picked up and taken to the infir-

3:07 p.m. A Red River Sanitors van ran out

of gas and stalled in the middle of the road. Someone was sent to get gas and move the vehicle.

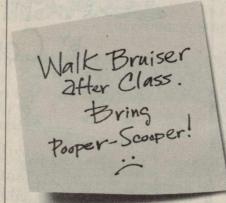
9:16 p.m.

A woman called because while she was delivering pizzas, a group of men stole some from her car.

8-29-04 12:53 a.m.

A golf cart was reported stolen and heading toward Bossier Hall. The golf cart was returned.

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#### Commisioner explains fee increase to students

Dear Editor:

To help Louisiana's public colleges and universities avoid a near \$18 million funding shortfall for 2004-05, the Louisiana Legislature approved a measure during this year's regular legislative session that allows the state's public colleges and universities to assess to students a new 4% operational fee. Since most students will feel the effect of this fee increase beginning this current semester, I'd like to take the opportunity to explain the circumstances that necessitated the increase and to try to put the cost of higher education in Louisiana into a broader perspec-

Let me begin by assuring students that Louisiana's postsecondary education community and our state's leaders are committed to ensuring that a college education is accessible to and affordable for those in our state who desire to improve their opportunities. Indeed, students can be confident that no increase to the cost of an education is considered without carefully weighing its potential effect on our students. And because this is the case, I can still say that, even with the new operational fee, Louisiana's public colleges and universities are one of the nation's best educational bar-

As most students probably know, during the 2004 Regular Legislative Session, Louisiana's legislators were faced with balancing the tightest state budget in nearly a decade. And after a budget was hammered out which, happily, kept funding for higher education intact, and provided extra funds to help cover mandated cost increases in retirement contributions, insurance premiums and civil service merit raises. Unfortunately, even after this support, there remained some \$18 million in increased mandated operational costs that were not funded.

Because both of our state's appropriations and our tuition are low compared to much of the rest of the country, Louisiana's total financial support per student for

public colleges and universities ranks among the nations lowest, making it nearly impossible to cover significant additional costs such as those our institutions were facing without an additional source of revenue or a reduction in services. That is why we sought approval to assess the 4% operational fee. This 4% will generate \$17.7 million, nearly enough to address the \$18 million shortfall.

Significant progress has been made in improving Louisiana's colleges and universities in recent years, and we believe that this fee was necessary to avoid the risk of losing our positive momentum, and to help ensure that our colleges and universities could continue to provide the level and quality of service that students deserve.

Obviously, no one welcomes a fee increase, least of all the students who have to pay it. But I want to stress that every effort was made to minimize the increase. The result of that effort was a total increase in tuition and fees for 2004-05 that fell well below the significant increases adopted elsewhere across the country, averaging approximately 12%. Moreover, the legislation establishing the new 4% operational fee provides for a financial hardship waiver for students who lack sufficient means to absorb the added

Louisiana needs more college graduates, and we in the higher education community, as well as our partners in public office, are striving to ensure that higher educational attainment remains within the reach of everyone who desires it. We appreciate our students' efforts to improve their skills and job marketability, and we will continue to work diligently to ensure that a quality education remains a realistic, achievable goal for every Louisiana citizen.

Sincerely,

Joseph Savoie Commissioner of Higher Education

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# FILLER

A look forward



By J. Aaron 'Q" Brown

I'll join the rest of the staff in welcoming everyone back to another exciting year of the Current Sauce, complete with my rantings. This November, as I certainly hope you all know, we have a presidential election coming up. (In fact, the Head Monkey himself will be making a speech tonight; watch it on www.c-span.org for free!) In light of the daunting burden of voting that so many of my readers find themselves asked to assume, I will spend this semester trying to provide you the information you need to make an informed and wise decision among the candidates. I make no bones about my contempt for President Bush and the hype-and-lies

machine that has kept him in office, so I'll tell you immediately that the right choice isn't him, and I'll be telling you why every week from now until November.

I won't spend this semester talking about third-party candidates. Jefferson himself objected to the very idea of parties on principle, arguing that such a structure could serve only to divide the republic, and nothing could prove him more right than the previous election and the one to come. The Green Party, traditional home of the third-party voter, is declining to run a candidate at all this year out of consideration for the socalled Nader Effect, which cost Gore such a small but critical percentage of the vote. This is a state of events I find depressing but unavoidable, and I must acknowledge that a vote for a third-party candidate is a wasted vote in modern American politics. To be honest, I'm still not sure I won't throw my vote away on Michael Bad-

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narik, the Libertarian candidate, when crunch time arrives, rather than give it to Kerry. Once again, I feel caught in a decision between the puppet on the left and the puppet on the right.

Both challenger and incumbent want to implement the 9-11 Commission's recommendation of a national intelligence czar, which is exactly what our intelligence structure is designed to avoid. Both challenger and incumbent feel the need to court the vote of the "heartland," and so both are spewing the usual election year bilge about integrity, family values and taxes in addition to the new War on Terror<sup>TM</sup> rhetoric about strength and security. Both challenger and incumbent feel like avatars of some vast machine frantically poking voters to see which way they jump and tuning their position to match. But Kerry will win. Bush

has screwed up too hard for even modern, lazy America to ignore.

Let me share one more thing with you before I close this week. Less. than 50% of the American populace votes, and the polls so often mentioned on the news and in the papers only poll "likely voters." A "likely voter," however, is someone who has voted in at least two previous presidential elections. meaning that no one under 23 gets polled in these things. We can change America. We will change America, and you can either help or watch. Register to vote. We

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Guest Column -

#### Justifiable Dishonesty?

By Ash Moore

A new year has started at NSU and, as expected, there has been a lot of importance placed on the honor code. No lying, no cheating, etc. I don't like liars or cheaters, but as far as I'm concerned, lying is a fact of life. New research, such as studies found in The Liar's Tale by Jeremy Campbell, even suggests lying is a much more natural instinct than we ever imagined.

problem is that our society doesn't punish lying justly. Society realizes there is a difference in the levels of murder. We have justifiable homicide, murder two (manslaughter), and murder one. If there are that many differences in the level of murder here must be differences in the level of lying. If this is true, then justifiable dishonesty would be "No, that dress looks great" or, "I can't see you tonight, something came up.'

Then, the punishable lies would be perjury two, which can be exemplified by, "I did not have sexual relations with Monica" or, "I wasn't cheating, I was stretching my eye muscles" or even, "I swear officer, it's oregano." And

finally, perjury one which is, "Iraq has nuclear weapons pointed at us ready to launch in less than fifteen minutes. We must attack!"

If a president can be impeached for perjury two, why can't we impeach one for perjury in the first degree? Furthermore, why isn't there an honor code for the Oval Office? People may argue that there is one, but if so, why isn't it enforced to the same degree of work place and college honor Everyone lies, but the main codes? Even if it does exist, it may as well not. If an NSU student turned in a paper that was as poorly researched as the information that led us into a war, the best thing that would happen would be for the student to fail the class.

How can someone expect high school and college students not to lie and adhere to an honor code when they see what the leaders of the free world get away with on a

daily basis?
Ash Moore Louisiana Scholars' College freshman. Her column is new to the editorial page. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

### The food industry really frosts me

By Lenore Skenazy **New York Daily News** (KRT)

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Do you think American food can

get any more disgusting? I mean, once Hellmann's has introduced Bacon & Tomato Twist mayonnaise - basically a liquid BLT you schmear onto bread (or lettuce, if you're doing Atkins) - it's hard to imagine anything less wholesome and natural unless we're talking Michael Jackson.

Which we're not. Because while everyone else is railing about pasty-faced alleged pederasts, who rails for the mom whose kids are demanding Chips Ahoy-flavored chocolate pudding in a tube?

Me! Your average, nauseated supermarket shopper, stunned to see there is now a liquefied version of what should be a solid cookie, served in a squeeze tube that should be a bowl, sucked directly into a mouth that, in an ideal

world, should have demanded something a little daintier, like a plastic spoon.

Squeezable bacon. Suckable cookies. What next? Pepsi pellets?

I suppose I should really just thank my Lucky Charms \_which, as you'll recall, introduced the concept of marshmallows as a crucial cereal component - yes, I should thank my solidified corn syrup leprechauns that Jell-O has not yet started selling its pudding in timed-release patches.

Or single-serving injections. Or convenient surgical shunts.

Those are still in test marketing. Already on the shelves, however, foods almost appealing/appalling (depending on your age), most the result of adding cookie elements to candy, candy elements to crackers or cookie/candy/cracker/crunch ments to yogurt.

Take, for instance, Nestle's Butterfinger hot cocoa mix. Clearly,

plain old hot chocolate just wasn't cutting it. Nor was hot chocolate with bunny-shaped marshmallows, another Nestle's beverage. No, Nestle's marketing mavens must have realized it was losing the entire demographic of Americans who want to quaff piping-hot pulverized candy bars. And so ... now they can!

Similarly, Chips Deluxe, a Chips Ahoy clone, has a new spinoff featuring mixed-in, mashed-up peanut butter cups. The chips are still there but now must compete for precious dough space with the candy chunks.

And speaking of cookie-candy hybrids, check out the ultimate: Ritz Bits S'mores sandwiches. These are graham-cracker-flavored mini-crackers glued together with a cream filling of marshmallow (clearly edging out grains as the new base of America's food pyramid) and chocolate. Each sandwich is then stamped with one of the

Simpsons: Marge, Homer - even Lisa, who you'd think would refuse to let herself be appropriated this

But in the food biz, there is no shame. Everything old is new again, usually by virtue of extra icing or a dusting of sour cream 'n' onion flavoring.

If, God forbid, we are what we eat and we eat what they're trying to sell us, then perhaps we are as dumb as these instructions on an Oscar Mayer Lunchables Nachos package would suggest: "Dip chips into cheese and salsa." As my Ritz Bits cracker/cookie/candy/Simpsons/S'mores snacktime character might reply: "D'oh!"

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Factors for the fall

the season's freshest looks

Welcome back to another

great year of Fashionable Focus.

This season, let's take a brief look at what the current trends

I am NOT talking blue jeans

The biggest fabric this season

is denim because it is rugged,

but it can still be playful. On the

runway you can find denim

blazers, vests, tennis shoes and

purses. It's all about the blue,

but keep in mind you don't have

to spend a lot of "green" to have

these things. In fact, a lot of the

"new" denim styles can be

handmade. Designer handbags

are starting to look an awful lot

like your old pair of bleached

jeans from the fifth grade, just

cut up and sewn back together.

But guess what? It's hot, hot,

hot! You can make this item at

home. Just use your creativity

and you'll come up with some-

Denim blazers can dress up a

casual outfit quite a bit. Tie it in

with a sleek pair of "editor" cut

(wide-legged) black trousers

and a white tank, and you've

got yourself a sexy, clean-lined,

ensemble. For the guys, quilted

denim vests are becoming more

and more noticeable on the fash-

ion scene. Pair it with your

favorite cargo pants and turtle-

neck, when it gets cold of

course, and you will look like

you came straight off the pages

thing genius.

here—I'm talking Denim Chic

"D" is for Denim:

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Movie Review: "Exorcist: The Beginning"

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Recent prequel release leaves audiences "thrilled"

> **Shanna Utterback** Sauce Reporter

Here's a hint to moviegoers: always be wary of a film where the director is a replacement.

Paul Shader, a man of high regard in the movie business (responsible for "The Last Temptation of Christ" and "American Gigolo"), was removed as the director for "Exorcist: The Beginning" when his psychological, character-driver version of the story failed to utilize the blood, gore and special effects that the studio believed was necessary to bring in the big money. The pressure then fell on Renny Harlin to recreate the mediocre drivel of his earlier films like "Deep Blue Sea" and "Nightmare on Elm Street 4." Congratulations to Harlin for completing such a small task.

The original "Exorcist" will always be a classic and it's hard to believe that any other movie would be worthy enough to join the franchise. I must admit that it sounds like an interesting challenge. The story behind Father Merrin, pre-"Exorcist," seems almost necessary and to tell the truth, the plot isn't half bad. Set in 1949 in Kenya, archeologists have discovered a church that was built and buried hundreds of years before Christianity arrived in Africa. The experts decide to bring in Lancaster Merrin, a man who gave up priesthood after World War II. Of course, spooky things start to happen and a movie is born.

Stellan Skarsgard gives a wonderful performance as Merrin despite the odd dialogue that has to be blamed on the writers. Izabella Sorupco plays a pretty lady-doctor and love interest because the studio doesn't seem to believe that women would watch the movie without a sappy moment or two. Such a relationship could have added some depth to Merrin's character if it were handled by a better director. Harlin's attempt is simply

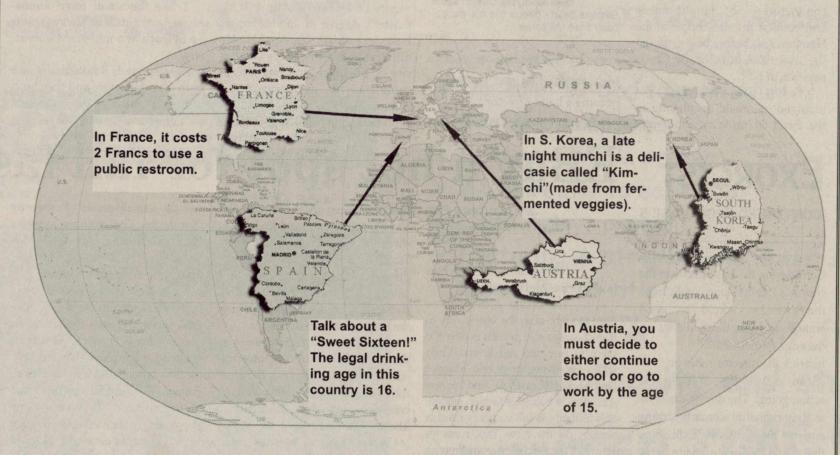
When it comes to horror, I was surprised that the audience I was with jumped out of their seats several times. Moments of suspense are handled nicely and you have to love those scenes when the main character insists on doing something dangerous by himself in the middle of the night. Those special effects that the studio was so concerned about are pretty cheap. Watching someone get attacked by hyenas might sound exciting, but there's not much frightening about ones that are so obviously computer-generated that they'd be better off in "Shrek 2". Some of the imagery in the movie was more of a gross-out than actual horror. While the original "Exorcist" made me afraid to walk down the hall by myself, "The Beginning" simply made me regret eating lunch right before

As a prequel, the film has its own plot holes. Flashbacks to World War II could very well be made into a separate movie. Indeed, the events that caused Merrin to fall out of faith are what make him such a fascinating character. It's a shame that the focus of movie is instead on some possessed hyenas and a

You can't have an "Exorcist" film without an exorcism. This is See Exorcist, page 6

# Around the world

NSU receives students through exchange program



Information from Yahoo! search engine

Ever dreamt of studying abroad? A foreign exchange program here at NSU can make that dream possible.

Northwestern State University is a member of an international exchange student program that allows students from other countries to take courses right here on NSU's campus and send NSU students to other universities worldwide.

Dr. James Picht, assistant professor of economics at the Louisiana Scholars' College, is the coordinator for the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) at NSU. In order for this toches," Picht said. He also said that program to be on campus, NSU had the TOPS program is included. to first become a member of the Currently, there are only three stuorganization. Through this member- dents involved in the ISEP program ship, NSU was added to a listing of here at NSU. They are all from differare England, the Netherlands, Finaccredited universities throughout ent countries: Spain, Austria and land and Spain," Picht said.

By Raquel Hill tional system, ISEP allows students from their "homeland" university to attend a school in a different country and still receive college credit for the courses they take abroad. Also, if a student receives financial aid in their home country, the funds are applicable to the ISEP program, which makes studying abroad very afford-

"An NSU student who wants to be involved in the program may want to take off to Austria and study. With this program, the student can attend the school in Austria and still receive the academic scholarships from NSU, as if they were right here in Natchi-

France. These students will be

only and the ISEP program will not

apply to them after this time. Therefore, if a student wishes to stay longer, it is at his or her own expense.

This program applies to native NSU students as well. One Northwestern student is studying abroad in South Korea this fall, and there have been applicants for studies abroad in South Korea, South Africa and the Netherlands for the spring semester

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a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher and submit an application into the program either in writing or through the Internet. They must also have two letters of recommendation, preferably by professors, and copies of their transcripts. In addition, applicants must also submit an essay on why they wish to get involved with the program and study abroad.

"This type of program is important because it gives students an unforgettable international experience," Picht said. "If you want to gain that expe-To be eligible for this exchange pro-rience, ISEP will be happy to send Because of this worldwide educa- allowed to stay at NSU for one year gram, a students are required to have you where you want to go."

#### **Brownie Points:**

of GQ.

Browns are very popular this season-it's fall, duh. Brown, alone, might not be your favorite color, but it sure does go great with a lot of other colors. For girls, the best colors to pair brown with is pale pink or a bold, vibrant turquoise. Try a brown crocheted poncho over a pink camisole and jeans. Or try an oversized turquoise sweater with a pair of brown corduroy flared pants. These colors can look very western, and it won't scream "Urban Cowboy" if put together properly.

#### Kiss the sun goodbye:

Yes, we all love the sun, but fall is when your skin tone grows out of its sun-kissed glow and resumes its normal pigmentation. Rather than try to cover up your already paling face with self-tanner or bronzing crèmes, enhance it with this season's coolest hues. For the eyes, use pinks, mauves and burgundies. For the lips, use pale pink glosses, "just bitten" stains, and lavender frosts. To keep those cheeks rosy, try color cheek stains (by Origins, Inc. or Clinique), which last all day and look really natural. Also, remember that fall brings drier weather, so keep your faces hydrated with oil-free moistur-

For questions or comments concerning fashion, products, or trends contact Raquel at SaucyFashion@aol.com.

Hey! Are you always giving your friends advice on relationships? Do you think you have what it takes to give that same advice to the students of NSU? If so, we're looking for YOU! Contact Elaine Broussard today at currentsauce@nsula.edu for more info.

#### Coming to America: Foreign students land at NSU

Sauce Reporter

Northwestern's residence halls are filled with students who have moved away from home to study in Natchitoches.

nearby communities, others, like foreign exchange students Margit Preinstorfer and Charlotte De Poorter have come from a lot far-

one week and is starting her first semester at NSU this fall. She is from a small community of 2,000 in Aurach Am Hongar, Austria, located between Salzburg and Linz. After deciding she wanted to study in the United States, Preinstorfer spoke to officials from her university in Austria, who in turn spoke to Dr. James Picht, coordinator for the International Student Exchange Program at the Scholars' College, to make arrangements for her curriculum.

Prior to her acceptance at Northwestern, Preinstorfer had to complete the requirements needed to be an exchange student.

The first requirement was a 500-word statement explaining her interest in the program. She then had to choose from a list of 10 universities. Once Preinstorfer chose a university, she obtained two letters of reference from her professors, transferred her transcripts and completed an English language competency test. This was in addition to her studies.

She studied communications in Austria and while at NSU, Preinstorfer will study public relations and business. Preinstorfer said

Theresa Huffman, she likes Northwestern's campus layout, and it was the first difference she noticed.

She said that in Austria, the university's campus is incorporated within the city of Salzburg. The campus is much larger in While some have moved from area. Another main difference is the drinking age.

Preinstorfer said the drinking age in Europe is younger than in the United States. She said that if someone wants "soft" drinks," Preinstorfer has been here for such as wine and beer, the legal age is 16. and for "hard" liquor, the drinking age raises to 18.

Although she said she is enjoying the friendly people here, Preinstorfer said she already misses home cuisine and her boyfriend.

She said she is looking forward to tutoring German while she conducts her studies.

Tutoring in her native language, French, is also something De Poorter will do. De Poorter, who will study history, recently arrived from Lille, France, which is located on the Belgian border, north of Paris.

De Poorter said her curriculum in France was English and French translation in both written and

De Poorter said one of the things she likes here is the economy since prices in the United States are generally cheaper than those of most European countries.

Both Preinstorfer and De Poorter said the people here are "very nice." They also said they like that their professors know their names, unlike their home countries where students are numbers in a classroom.

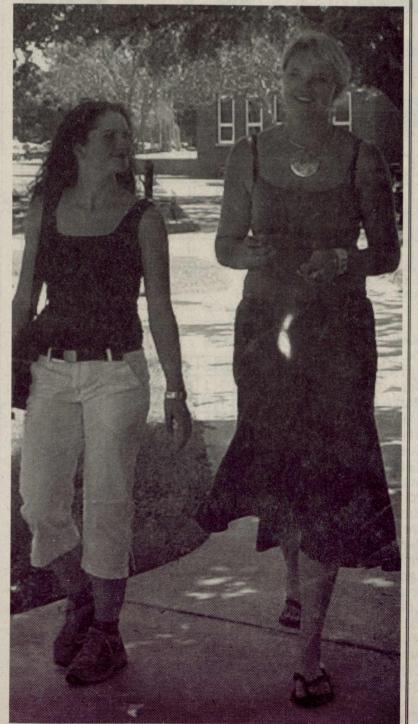


Photo by Leslie Westbrook L to R: Margit Preinstorfer and Charlotte De Poorter walk around the courtyard in between the FACS building and Morrison Hall

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# Band, orchestra welcome new directors

Sauce Reporter

Northwestern has two new faces in the School of Creative and Performing Arts. They are the new associate director of bands, Caroline Beatty, and the new conductor of the NSU Symphony Orchestra, Doug Baukenhaus.

Beatty has a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Texas, where she also obtained her master's degree in conducting. She taught music and band at public schools in the Houston area before being offered the associate director of bands position at NSU.

Beatty said she first got involved in music by playing in the band in middle school and



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce Caroline Beatty directs the marching band from the tower.

knew by her sophomore year in high school that she wanted to become a band director.

Beatty assists director of

bands, William Brent with a marching band techniques class and teaches a wind ensemble class. She also plays the saxo-

Beatty said even though she has only been at NSU for a few weeks, she is having a good experience.

"It's great," she said. "Everybody has been really nice and all the students are really nice. So far so good."

Baukenhaus earned his bachelor's degree in music at the University of Texas at Austin and his master's degree in conduction at East Texas State University. He did doctorate work at the University of Michigan and has almost completed his doctorate at UT

Baukenhaus teaches several

classes including music form and analysis and an advanced conducting class. He also teaches and plays the bassoon.

Baukenhaus said that at first he was not going to go to college but decided to go after his high school band director urged him. After a couple of years in college, he decided music was what he wanted to do and pursued his music

Like Beatty, Baukenhaus has been at NSU for a few weeks.

"I like the small town atmosphere," he said. "I've always wanted to teach at a mid-sized univer-

Beatty and Baukenhaus are both from Houston, and they both said that music is an important part of education and life.

Baukenhaus said, "Music helps us understand what it means to be human."

Beatty said that music "reaches depths that other subject matter doesn't reach. It can get down in your soul. By learning music, everybody who does it is learning also discipline and teamwork."

During the fall semester, the NSU band, aside from its usual football game performances and Christmas Festival Parade appearance, will be holding a Fall Wind Ensemble on Oct. 27.

The NSU Symphony Orchestra has a full fall schedule with the Pops Concert on Oct. 7, a classical concert on Nov. 11, and it will will take part in the annual Christmas Gala in December.

#### **EXORCIST**

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5** 

where the movie truly fails. Considering the importance of the church's location, one would hope the exorcism would be good enough to have the audience on the edge of their seats.

Instead, the director relies on cheap plot twists to keep the action going. The devil's dialogue in the original is stomach-turning and just plain creepy. In this film, the crude language made most people laugh. Apparently, in this version the devil is a comedian.

Despite my negative criticism, the movie is worth the price of admission if you recognize it as what it truly is: a cheap summer horror flick. It fails only when compared to the original "Exorcist." Go, enjoy the maggots and the Nazis and the creepy cross imagery. Then rent the original and remember to unpack your nightlight.

3 out of 5 stars.

### EBay a hot spot for fall fashions

Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK \_ Fifth Avenue. Rodeo Drive. And now eBay.

The online auction house once thought of as the fastest way to dump garage sale castoffs is now the place to buy and sell Jimmy Choo shoes, Salvatore Ferragamo alligator handbags and Etro coats. And this season, eBay is taking its fashion credentials further \_ it will auction garments straight off the New York runways from hot young design team Proenza Schouler, six months before they hit the

It all points to eBay's growing role behind the runways in the glitzy world of fashion, as a marketplace and as a no-longer-unlikely source of inspiration for some designers. With sales of \$1.8 billion last year in clothes, shoes and accessories, the auction site is already all the buzz in fashion circles, and the idea of online trunk shows has some fashionistas salivating.

"I think it's genius because you can have the clothing before it arrives in all the stores. If you're a fashionista, you want things before anyone

By Maureen Fan else," said Rosemary Ponzo, 42, a film and TV stylist who was decked out in silver Tiffany cuffs and a magenta Escada fur hat at the Catherine Malandring show this month in New York. "I have a lot of friends that are selling their vintage clothes, like Gaultier from the 80s and pre-owned furs."

The Proenza Schouler auc-(www.ebay.com/proenzaschouler) will start Feb. 26, with 50 garments from this year's spring and fall collections and last year's fall collection. The fall 2004 clothes were first shown at Olympus Fashion Week this month in New York, and they won't hit stores for another six months.

Buyers may also get the clothes cheaper on eBay. For example, bidding will start at \$624 for a trench coat that normally retails for \$2,400. Also on the block are more than four dozen pairs of shoes, designed with Manolo Blahnik and worn by runway models Wednesday.

Proenza Schouler are the second design team to sell straight onto eBay, following Narciso Rodriguez, who sold a much smaller lot of clothing last September.

The San Jose auction house

was also a small sponsor of a show by "Sex & the City" costume designer Patricia Fields at Los Angeles Fashion Week. EBay says it's in talks with other designers but won't name them.

"So many people have approached me this week \_ fashionistas, executives, people with closets and boxes full of stuff," Constance White, style director for eBay and a former fashion journalist with Full Frontal Fashion TV and Elle magazine, said earlier this month. "We've had so many people say we want to sell on eBay that we're looking to develop a program that would help them do that."

For eBay, the online trunk shows lend glamour and burnish a reputation that is already going upscale, with Prada, Kate Spade and Louis Vuitton among the most frequent sale items.

"I think they're trying to let people know eBay is fashionable," said Hollywood stylist Phillip Bloch, who writes a fashion column for eBay. "People have in the past thought of it as a

And for the designers, eBay\_ with 95 million registered users \_ has become another way for to reach shop-

pers in Middle America or markets where their clothes are not in local Nat

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"It's innovative. Obviously it's something that will help them (Proenza Schouler) make money," said Ed Filipowski, partner in a PR powerhouse that handles Marc Jacobs, Anna Sui and Zac Posen. "EBay is a massive audience. I wish I had thought of it."

Of course, a massive audience can also lead to a mass brand and some of the most-established designers might be reluctant to run the risk of losing their image of elite and exclusive. White acknowledged that some fashion designers are unsure whether to embrace eBay, but hopes that eBay will eventually become just one more way to build a brand.

EBay's presence was already clear at Fashion Week, on and off the catwalks. Patrick Robinson, designer of Perry Ellis' women's wear, found antique rhinestone pins designed by 1950s jewelry designer Hattie Carnegie on eBay to accessorize his show. Robinson also found a vintage scarf from one of Perry Ellis' original collections and used the button print pattern for a yellow silk skirt he unveiled.

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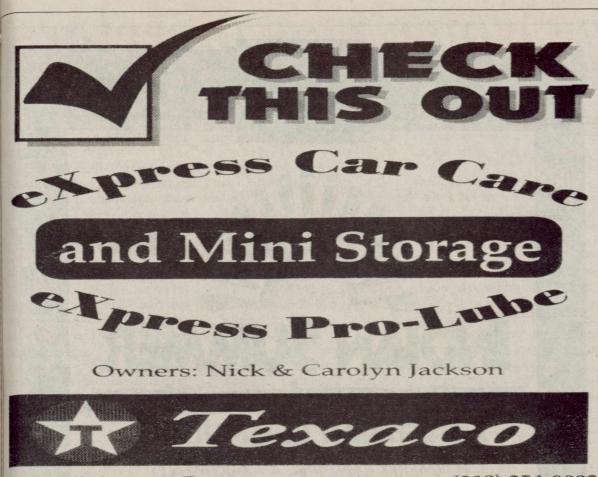
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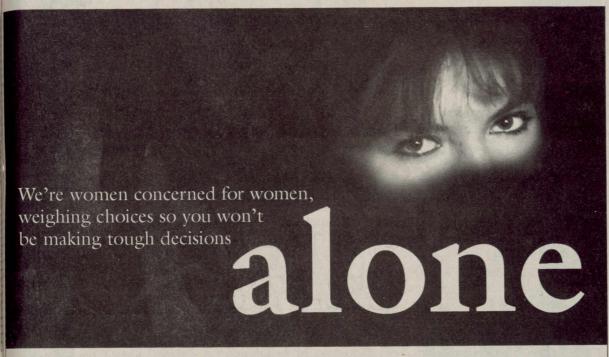
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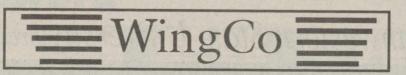
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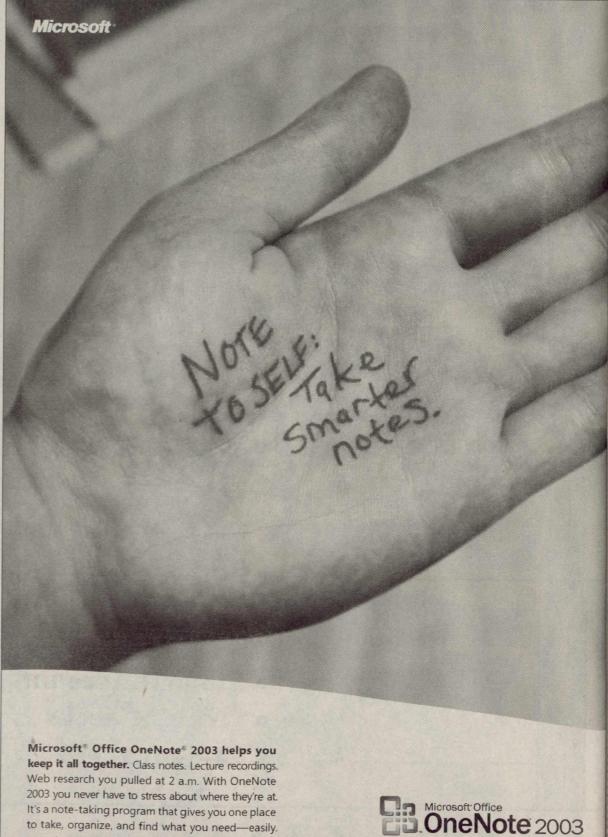
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# Kobe Bryant's charges dropped in rape case

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In an eleventh-hour stunner, rim-faced Colorado prosecutors dismissed a rape charge against the Los Angeles Lakers' superstar on Wednesday night, after his accuser vanked herself out of the criminal ase and he issued an emotional vet carefully worded \_ apology.

"I want to apologize to her for my behavior that night and for the consequences she has suffered in the past year," Bryant said in a written

"Although I truly believe this encounter between us was consensual.... I now understand how she feels she did not consent to this

Bryant, who kept a sphinx-like

Courtesy silence during his many pretrial pened between the basketball playappearances, also wrote, "Although this year has been incredibly difficult for me personally, I can only imagine the pain she has had to

> The reversal in the criminal case, and Bryant's apology, do not affect a civil suit the 20-year-old woman recently filed against the super-rich basketball player, and her lawyers said there have been no talks about a cash settlement.

> Neither Bryant, 26, nor the woman, 20, was in the packed courtroom when Judge Terry Ruckriegle signed the dismissal order at 6:25 p.m. CDT, ending at least one chapter in a 14-month saga of sex, celebrity and small-town America.

> And the judge pointed out that without a criminal trial, what hap-

er and the pretty young concierge at the posh Lodge and Spa at Cordillera on June 30, 2003, may remain a mystery forever.

Since the start of the case, Bryant has insisted he had consensual sex with the woman in his hotel room, while she charged that after some kissing and hugging, he grabbed her by the neck, bent her over a chair and raped her from behind.

"It will, of course, always leave a question in the mind of everyone because, as several jurors stated, only two people know what happened," Ruckriegle said.

The dismissal came on the fourth day of jury selection and just a few days before both sides were set to present opening arguments.

Eagle County District Attorney

Mark Hurlbert said he was dropping the case only at the request of the accuser, who did not want to testify or cooperate with the trial.

"She has indicated her unwillingness to appear," Hurlbert said. "At no time will this case be refiled."

As her parents sat silent in the front row, the woman's civil attorney, John Clune, said his client could not go forward with the criminal case because her life has become a living hell.

"If anybody associated with this case had any sense of what a single week in the life of my client entails, they would be astounded . . . as to why she had the will to continue for as long as she did," Clune told the court.

Since pressing charges against Bryant, the accuser has received state, and twice had her name mistakenly publicized by the court.

Her trip to a rehab center was documented by the press, and her lawyer said at one point the FBI was probing her crime-victims counselor for trying to see her case

"The difficulties this case has imposed on this young woman in the last year are unimaginable," Clune said. "It is her sincere belief that when this case ends, she does not want to be brought back into the criminal process.

By the time of the announcement, Bryant had already returned home to be with his wife, Vanessa, and their baby daughter.

"Mr. Bryant is thankful this proceeding has come to an end," said

death threats, moved from state to his lawyer, Pamela Mackey. "It has been a long and painful process."

The NBA said it would have no comment on anything about the Bryant case.

The small courtroom was jammed with reporters and courthouse workers who showed up to offer support to the beleaguered district attorney's office.

Outside, a small group of teenage girls who know Bryant's accuser gathered, including Lindsey McKinney, who was slated to be a defense witness against her former

"I'm glad it's over," McKinney said, adding that she never believed the accuser's story. "I hope he doesn't end up giving her a bunch of money."

#### Demons win home opener against Grambling

Demons win big in first-ever evening home game under the soccer complex's new lighting sytstem, but fall short in Mississippi

**Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

Northwestern State celebrated its first-ever home night game with a shutout win Wednesday night in front of a record crowd of 1,005 at the Demon Soccer Complex as Heather Penico had a goal and an assist in a 4-0 victory over latearriving Grambling State.

Northwestern (1-2), which plays host to Rice Sunday afternoon at 1, outshot Grambling (2-1) by 24-5 while freshman goalkeepers Johnna Klohoker and Krystle Donaldson evenly divided the 90 minutes in front of the net and kept it empty for the Demons.

A bus breakdown on Grambling's trip to Natchitoches delayed the start of the contest by nearly 90 minutes, ironically allowing for the sun to set and the full impact of the new \$180,000 lighting system to come into play for kickoff.

It took 22:41 for Northwestern to break the ice on Tara Powasnik's unassisted goal off a rebound about 10 yards in front of the net. With eight seconds left in the first half, Angela Pence doubled the Demons' lead when she scored off a redirection of a Penico shot.

Erin Hebert boosted NSU's lead to 3-0 by scoring off a corner kick by Dani Thomas 22 minutes into the second half. eight minutes later, Penico knocked in a 5-yarder for NSU's fourth and final score.

NSU 1 vs. Mississippi St. 3

Northwestern State wrapped up one of the most difficult seasonopening weekends in school history, giving up three late goals to fall 3-1 to SEC member Mississippi State here Sunday afternoon.

Two days after being shutout 7-0 at Ole Miss, the Demons held a 1-0 halftime lead after Natalie Waguespack fired a 35-yarder in the net at during the 22nd minute for the first NSU score of the season. Although it appeared on paper that the Bull- for injured veteran Nellie Latiolais.

Courtesy dogs dominated the game, MSU didn't get on the board until the 73rd minute on a shot by Betty Ann Casey to tie the game at one.

"I told our team I've never been more pleased with a team for 87 minutes, and for the next two minutes, I've never been more frustrated and disappointed in a team," said sixth year NSU head coach Jimmy Mitchell. "We had a lapse and gave up the go-ahead goal, but more frustrating, we emotionally and mentally didn't stay focused and gave up the goal that locked it away. We had some really good scoring chances in the final minute that could have been huge if it was a 2-1 game, but that third goal did

MSU put together a flurry of goals when Karen Sandrik followed by Casey, netted the ball just 14 seconds apart in the 86th and 87th minute to take a 3-1 lead. Although scoring just the trio of goals, Bulldogs (2-0-0) dominated both halves in the shot column, out-chancing the Demons (0-2-0) 19-1 in the first half and 18-3 in the second period.

"This was a much better effort and performance than what we got Friday night," said Mitchell. "At Ole Miss, we played 45 minutes of good, smart, intense soccer and then couldn't sustain that in the second half. Today we probably played 87-88 minutes well enough to win, but what we saw in both games is that against opponents of this caliber, the slightest letdown is going to cost you.'

NSU 0 vs. Ole Miss 7

Northwestern State opened the 2004 soccer season falling 7-0 to Southeastern Conference power Ole Miss here Friday night.

NSU, playing without four returning starters, including first team All-SLC preseason selection Stephanie Miller, trailed just 1-0 at the half with true freshman goalkeeper Johnna Klohoker filling in



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce Northwestern State players celebrate after scoring a goal against the Tigers.

However, the Rebels - a second round NCAA participant last year streaked for six goals in the second half to pull away from any kind of

"They're by far a top 40 team in the country," said sixth year head coach Jimmy Mitchell of Ole Miss. "Now we have to turn around and play another SEC school on Sun-

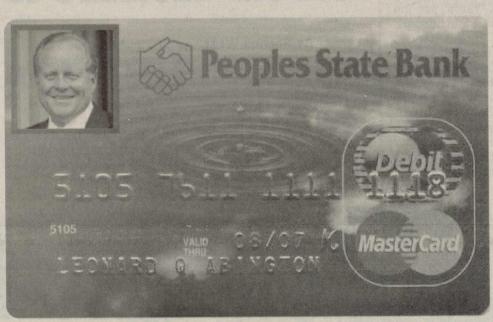
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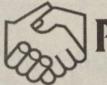
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#### Tough decision

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A head coach of a football team has hard decisions to make. Some probably keep the coach up all night and make him stress out constantly about whether he made the right decision or if he will be hanged by an angry mob.

Demon football head coach Scott Stoker has to make hard decisions and live with the aftermath his decisions cause. Coach Stoker has had some hard decisions this preseason concerning his depth chart and who deserves starting positions.

The hardest decision Coach Stoker had to make was for the quarterback position. Davon Vinson was the starting quarterback last season but he struggled at times. He had a great season throwing for 1,541 yards passing and eight touchdowns, inconsistencies plagued him throughout the season. Some of Vinson's problems last season where caused by his transfer from Baylor and coming into practice late.

"I feel a whole lot more comfortable in my second year in the offense," Vinson said. "I have it down pretty good."

Stoker said he pushed Vinson a little too much and too quick, which was his fault.

"Davon is the best quarterback right now," Stoker said. "He is playing extremely well and he had a great preseason."

Even though Vinson struggled last season, he shined throughout the preseason and has been tabbed the starter against University Louisiana Lafayette.

Helping Vinson learn a little quicker was red shirt freshman Connor Morel who applied pressure on Vinson in the preseason for the starting job.

Both Morel and Vinson said competition between them helped them get better for the upcoming sea-

"Quarterback competition definitely helps and it makes Davon and myself better," Morel said.

"It always helps to have competition," Vinson said. "It helps you play better."

Coach Stoker said Morel has tremendous potential and he will get playing time against ULL.

"I see a lot of potential with Morel and he has a great arm and can make some plays," Stoker said. "But he is trying a little too hard, which a lot of freshmen tend to do when they are pressed to play."

Though the Demon offense has struggled in two scrimmages, Morel thinks NSU will do better against the Ragin Cajuns.

"Our defense is a hard defense to pick up and it is hard to read with all the blitzes," Morel said. "We will be able to adjust and to pick up everything against ULL."

Vinson said he is just ready to play against regular opponents and not the Demon defense.

"As long as we execute on offense, we will come out on top," Vinson said.

Whoever is QB for Coach Stoker, he has a nice fall back plan in Morel or

# West the Way I See It

By Patrick West Sports Editor

Smith announced his retirement Wednesday morning and said it was time to do things he has missed over the

"You get no holidays as a coach and I never had that time to spend with my family," Smith said. "I never got to spend time with my wife on her birthday or our anniversary and now I get to."

Smith retired after coaching at NSU for 17 years and is the winningest coach in Southland Conference women's basketball history. Smith has an overall record of 340-155, a .687 winning percentage at NSU and guided the Lady Demons to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances in 1989 and 2004. The 1989 appearance was the first-atlarge invitation received by a Southland Conference

regular-season Southland Conference championships, Northwestern State's James along with the SLC tournament championship last season. NSU also made three appearances in the Women's National Invitational Tournament and endured only one losing season in his 20 seasons as head coach.

> Smith started his coaching career as the girls' head basketball coach at Downsville High School. Smith then moved to NSU as an assistant coach for then head coach, Pat Nolan Pierson. The former Marine would eventually take over the head-coaching job in 1987, and the rest is

> Smith said he felt the time was right for his retirement and it was a gradual decision.

The time was right for me to retire," Smith said. "This was not a spur of the moment decision."

women's basketball program. cess did help with the retire- much."

Smith also captured three ment but he decided to retire long before the season started.

> "I made a decision last September to retire," Smith said. "It is just time for me to do something else."

> Smith said he felt uncomfortable with the legend or icon status some people give

> "I try to fly underneath the radar," Smith said. "The program and the kids come first and if you have a good team then you just hold on for the Smith said he was already

> bored after two days, but plans to enter a private business to keep him busy. Smith said life was full of

> givers and takers and he considers the people of Natchitoches to be givers.

"It has been a wonderful ride with great people and great kids," Smith said. "This will always be a special place Smith said last year's suc- for me. Thank you very



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce James Smith announced his retirement Wednesday morning in the Brown Stroud Room. Smith said he enjoyed coaching at NSU.

# Graf named new head coach

Sports Editor

Northwestern State decided to stay within their coaching ranks and hired assistant coach Jennifer Graf to replace James Smith after 17 years as the head coach.

"Coach James Smith said the best person to replace him was right underneath our noses," athletic director Greg Burke said. "She is mature beyond her years and is ready to be a head coach."

Graf said she was excited about being named new come true.

"Ever since I was little I wanted to coach," Graf said. and a dream come true."

the position, she will be 26

By Patrick West years, 2 months and 26 days old, making her the secondyoungest head coach in major college women's basketball.

> Besides being an assistant coach for four years, Graf also played for NSU from 1996-2000, helping the Demons win the 1999 Southland Conference championship.

Though some question her age, Smith said she is the one for the job and felt good about the program being left in her

"They have six senior players returning this season so this was the right time for me coach and this was a dream and the transition would be easier for Coach Graf," Smith

As an assistant, Graf's "This is a dream job for me responsibilities included coaching, administrative When Graf officially takes work, recruiting coordinator, handled scouting reports and



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce Graf talks to media and supporters about being a head coach at Northwestern State.

setting the defensive scheme

for each game, which helped prepare her for a head-coaching job.

As an assistant coach, Jennifer has established herself as a shrewd tactician, an outstanding recruiter and a wonderful mentor for the young ladies involved in the basketball program," President Randall Webb said. "The fact that she is Coach Smith's choice to follow him as head coach is a tremendous endorsement of her ability to lead our program for years to come."

Graf said she is not changing anything in the program and wants to keep the tradi-

Lady Demon basketball has a tradition at NSU and I am not changing that," Graf said. "I am just continuing that tradition and hoping to build on it.



In March, Graf as an assistant helped the Lady Demons win the SLC tournament championship. Graf won a championship as a player and as a coach, giving her two SLC championship rings.

# Lights erected at soccer complex

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The culmination of a two-

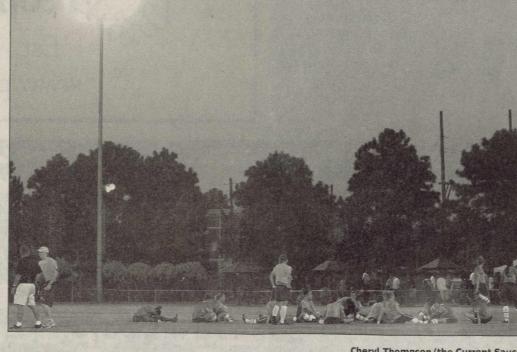
year planning, funding and construction process has resulted in the most significant project in the history of the Northwestern State women's soccer program as lights have been erected at the Demon Soccer Complex in time for preseason practice for the 2004 season.

At a cost of nearly \$180,000, all of it derived from NSU Athletic Department budget monies or from privately raised funds, both the main competition field and adjacent practice field can now be used at night as a result of this

The 2004 NSU women's soccer team has already practiced under the lights, getting underway at 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 11, which marked the first day the team could conduct practice under NCAA guidelines.

The players will continue to benefit from the new addition to the facility over the next couple of weeks by being able to hold one of their daily practices at night without having to endure the usually brutal August heat and

humidity. The first official game under the lights will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 1, when NSU hosts Grambling State at 7 p.m. to kick off the home schedule.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce The Northwestern State soccer team stretches under the newly installed lights at the Soccer Complex. The Demons played their first game under the lights Wednesday night against Grambling.

addition of lights to our facility will have on the soccer program," said NSU head coach Jimmy Mitchell, who has been named Louisiana Coach of the Year twice during his five-year tenure.

Playing and practicing at night is beneficial from a safety perspective, especially during the months of August and September. Also, after classes begin, having the lights will enable practices and matches

how much of an impact the classes, which had been a night instead of in the middle problem in the past. I see our of the afternoon. recruiting efforts being greatly enhanced as the lights are a significant addition to what we feel already is an outstanding soccer facility," he the arm" to the project in

hard to develop a strong relationship between his program and the Natchitoches Youth Soccer Association, also is enthusiastic about the opportunity to generate to be held in the evening to increased fan support by

"It is hard to put into words avoid conflicts with afternoon virtue of playing matches at

Grants from The Lupin Foundation in New Orleans and the Weyerhaueser Foundation were "definite shots in terms of funding, said NSU Mitchell, who has worked athletic director Greg Burke.

"The Athletic Department, along with the women's soccer players and coaches, are grateful to the many individuals and businesses whose generosity made this project possible. Without gifts from

the private sector, this project would not have been realized," said Burke, who also acknowledged significant support for the project from the Natchitoches Parish Hospital, NSU Team Orthopedic, Dr. Chris Rich and BellSouth.

The soccer lights project was completed by Twin City Electric Company from Monroe, in conjunction with the Natchitoches firm of N&A, Inc. and its president, Rick

NSU, which has participated in two of the past five NCAA postseason tournaments and is the only Louisiana program to compete in NCAA postseason play, will play nine other home matches this season, in addition to the Sept. 1 opener.



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce The new lights at the Soccer

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FOOTBALL

#### Pittman may play against the Cajuns

Northwestern State preseason All-American cornerback, Pittman, is "50-50" to plan Saturday night in the Demons' season opening football game Louisiana-Lafayette, said coach Scott Stoker or Wednesday.

Pittman suffered a elbow injury Aug. 14 and is awaiting a fitted brace that could allow him to play, said Stoker. If he does not take the field Sat urday night, senior Pren NEWS tis West will start in hi Crai place, while redshir freshman Darrel Kitcher activ will get the start at the The N other cornerback position zations in the Demons' "Purple tant dir Swarm" 4-2-5 defense. leaders

"He wants to play but this pos we've got to have the green light from the medical staff, and we are not Bachelo going to rush it if there is and a M any question," said Stoker an emp "We've got 11 games. This is the most important one because it's the game we Craig have this week.'

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Speaking to the Demor academ Quarterback Club lunch and cou eon Wednesday in Natchitoches, Stoker said that while returning starter wants s Davon Vinson has shined for stud as quarterback through "I wan out preseason practice ment at redshirt freshman Connor Morel will also see action Saturday night in the plans to p.m. game at Cajun Field, any cha

"Davon has had a super "I am camp. He's our starter, no everythe question," said Stoker and out "Conner has gone through everything ups and downs and people s think he's trying too hard routine, which a lot of freshmer tend to do. I know I did I've also not done a good job as his coach in helping him understand that. We'l Galg get him into the game early and get him the feel NSU's of it, and we'll see if some body gets a hot hand.

this yea "Our offense is not as NSU in . far along as I thought we would be, considering we the nation have eight starters back," mately : said Stoker. "I know we NSU stu can be pretty good moving the ball, and I just Galgar hope we see some of that the Arm which in Saturday night."

He said junior tailbacks reviews Shelton Sampson and Der mind wh rick Johnese will rotate school. series, with redshirt fresh man A.J. Franklin due to between get into the game in the first quarter as well.

"There's no secret, ou offense goes through the tailback position, and we're fortunate that we have four quality backs "I was there (with sophomore choice... Greg Skidmore joining out and. Sampson, Johnese and eled to s Franklin). Shelton has Turkey. earned the start because Desert S he had a super camp and Derrick has missed a lot of time with that nagging she also ankle injury. We know what he can do, and the issue with him is to be

From what we've seen in practice this week, the Galgano rest did the trick and growing expect him to be in the rest of the game on the second series and once everybody has taste of it, we'll see there's a hot back," said Stoker. "We've got foul quarters Saturday and i will be good to have fresh guy in there every

The Demons got back The corre up fullback Demoine Clark onto the practice Last field for the first time if endowed more than week after of money obtaining final clearance amount from doctors. He was il \$40,000 last week.

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art at the The NSU department of student activities and organik position zations has appointed Alycia Craig as the acting assis-"Purple tant director of student activities, organizations and leadership development. Terria Alexander formally held play but this position.

Craig, a Mansfield native, iis a graduate of NSU with a we are no Bachelor of Science with a concentration in psychology and a Master of Arts in Student Personnel Services with aid Stoker an emphasis in counseling. As acting assistant, Craig will work with the Student Activities Board, President's Leadership Program and Emerging Leaders Program.

ortant one game we Craig worked as a graduate assistant in alumni affairs, student activities, counseling and career services and he Demor academic advising. She interned in student activities ub lunch and counseling and career services.

After eight years at Northwestern, Craig said she ng starter wants students to know that NSU can really be a home nas shined for students.

through "I want to be a role model that you can find fulfillpractice ment at NSU," said Craig.

In her new role as acting assistant director, Craig in the plans to focus on learning the system before making

ad a super "I am an observer. I like to sit quietly and take in starter, no everything. For this first term, I plan to learn the ins Stoker and outs of this office," Craig said. "I've noticed that ne through everything is strongly set in tradition and I plan to help ns and people step out of those boundaries. After I learn the g too hard routine, I will attempt to implement changes."

Jonathan Tullier and Kelli Miller

#### in helping that. Well Galgano first female ROTC the game batallion commander m the fee

ee if some NSU's ROTC Demon Battalion has a new commander this year. Lt. Col. Teresa Galgano assumed her duties at is not as NSU in June as the first female in that office.

nought we NSU's ROTC program is rated in the top 10 percent of dering we the nationwide programs, ranking 23 out of approxiters back, mately 270 colleges. Galgano said one out of every 55 know we NSU students is in ROTC. good mov-

and I just Galgano said commanders are assigned to schools by me of that the Army. An officer chooses a geographical region, which includes a list of schools, and then a board r tailbacks reviews the list. The reviewers keep several things in n and Der mind when assigning a commander to a particular vill rotate school. They take into consideration the officer's skills, hirt fresh Where the officer would best fit and the distance lin due to between the officer's family and the base.

Galgano, a native of New York, earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University and her master's degree in educational technology from rough the Webster University. She enlisted in the Army in 1981 ion, and as an environmental science technician.

lity back "I was in college and wasn't happy with my career ophomore choice...and I wanted more than that. I wanted to get e joining out and travel," Galgano said. She said she has travnese and eled to several places, including Germany, Croatia and elton has Turkey. Galgano also served in Desert Storm and t because Desert Shield when she was deployed in 1990.

Galgano said she intends to continue the ROTC's success of commissioning 15-20 high-quality officers, and she also wants to reinstitute the ranger company, which teaches outdoor and survival skills. She said she wants to build a program that people feel like they are a part of.

ve've seel "We want to help the cadets we have to succeed," week, the Galgano said. "We instill values they may not have had ick and growing up, and they may take those with them for the be in the rest of their lives.'

> Galgano can be contacted at her office in the Military Science Building.

Lora Sheppard

#### Corrections:

nere ever Last week's story "Wireless Internet now active on cam-Pus" listed an incorrect future site for wireless Internet. got back The correct sites are the Student Union and Kyser Hall.

practice Last week's story "Biology department receives st time if endowed professorship" incorrectly reported the amount eek afte of money recieved by the biology department. The correct clearance amount is \$70,000 from the Coypu Foundation and He was il \$40,000 from the Board of Regents.

# WRAC to open soon

By April Dickson Sauce Reporter

The six-year wait for NSU's fitness center to be renovated is almost over.

Despite a summer full of delays, the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center should still open early during next semester, Chris Sampite, physical plant director, said.

During the May 2003 groundbreaking, master of ceremonies Greg Comeaux said the new intramural building would be completed in the fall of 2004. Although the original time table suggested that the grand opening would occur on New Year's Day, Mother Nature interfered.

"The project is proceeding well, but we're running a little bit behind schedule," Sampite said. "One of the major causes for that was the above normal amount of rain experienced throughout the summer.'

University President Randall Webb



■ See WRAC, page 3 View from inside the WRAC building while under constuction. The building is supposed to open during the next semester.

## Mission: Demon Safety established

New program encourages students to carry ID cards; some question program's effectiveness in increasing campus safety

By Kyle Shirley

This semester, a new program created by the University Safety Committee will discourage students from dent is carrying his ID, the officer will leaving their student ID cards at

Leah Lentz, an NSU counselor and chairperson of the committee, said, 'We are responding to what students have said is a problem: thefts and criminal acts... things that happen from people who are not NSU students coming onto campus."

Lentz said the project, called Mission: Demon Safety, is a program inspired by Southeastern Louisiana University's Project Safety. It will begin this month with a program designed to ensure people on campus are enrolled at NSU. Lentz said the committee plans to place signs

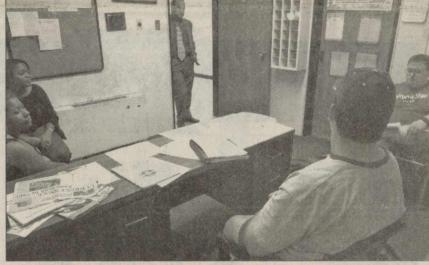
around campus reminding students to keep their student ID with them at all times. University Police officers will randomly stop students and ask to see their ID cards. If a stopped stugive him or her an ink pen as a reward.

"And it's a really cool pen," Lentz said. "What we're doing is trying to raise awareness and create a positive reinforcement for students to have their ID at all times. We also wanted to create a more positive relationship with students and university police."

Lentz said if an officer stops someone on campus who does not have a student ID, the officer would give a verbal warning.

Students are divided on whether the program will prove to be beneficial.

■ See Safety, page 2



Leslie Westbrook/ the Current Sauce Students gather for SGA Safety Committe meeting in the SGA office. The students are Ariel Kelly, Crystal Williams, SAB director Jeff Matthews, Matt Burroughs, and Beau Boudreaux. The meeting took place Wed. afternoon.

#### Political science professor to attend colloquium

By Mike McCorkle Sauce Reporter

A member of Northwestern's faculty will be attending an invitation-only colloquium from Sept. 9-12.

Alex Aichinger, associate professor of political science, is one of only fourteen people attending a national colloquium on the book "On Power," The event will be held at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind.

The author of "On Power" is Bertrand de Jouvenel (1903-1987), a French political scientist, economist, journalist and author. His books and essays were influential in the academic western world.

"Bertrand de Jouvenel is not wellknown, but his essays are frequently discussed among political scientists," Aichinger said.

"On Power" discusses the process by which government and controlling



Jason Griffin/ the Current Sauce

majorities have grown increasingly powerful and tyrannical.

In a book review on www.libertyfund.org, Angelo M. Petroni of the Einaudi Center for Research in Torino, Italy, said the book "is simply a book

that no serious scholar of political sci- can get because he is a good profesence or political philosophy can afford to ignore." The colloquium is sponsored by

The Liberty Fund, a private, educational foundation established to encourage the study of the ideal of a society of free and responsible individuals. The group sponsors conferences around the world and grants scholarships to students. Attendance is on an invitation-only basis, and has included noted professors and scholars from around the world. Attendees are selected for their knowledge in a particular field.

"It is an honor to be invited," Aichinger said. "I feel that this will be good for my students.

John Capps, a junior political science major, said he feels that Aichinger's invitation is good for

"He is deserving of any honor he Inquiry into the Political Good.

sor," Capps said. "I already thought that the social sciences department was high-quality, but this will add credibility."

Aichinger said he hopes that the colloquium will assist him in his involvement with the American Democracy Project, an organization that aims to get students more involved in the civic life of the United States. NSU is one of several hundred schools that participate in the pro-

"It encourages citizens and students to become more civically engaged," Aichinger said. "Hopefully we can use some of the information for the project."

De Jouvenel also wrote "The Ethics of Redistribution," "The Pure Theory of Politics" and "Sovereignty: An

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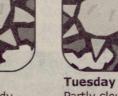
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Abigail Broussard, a freshman at NSU, said, "I think it's a great idea... most of the break-ins and most of the crime on campus is people who aren't going to school here. This campus needs to be watched a lot closer. If you don't belong here, get out."

Freshman Manny Augello said, "People need their ID's. They need to remember to keep it on them." Senior Scholars' College student

Aaron Williams disagreed.

"Is it illegal to be on campus and not be a student? There were some times over the summer when I was on campus and I wasn't a student... it doesn't make any sense to try and close the campus," Williams said.

Jared Kahanek, another Scholars' College senior, said, "This is a gross violation of our civil rights. I guess the cops have to do something besides give out traffic tickets to justify their being on campus, but that's just not it."

SGA Treasurer Edward "Beau" Boudreaux III has also voiced concerns about the program.

Through a donation from the

Coypu Foundation and a partial

match by the Louisiana Board of

Regents, NSU has been able to set

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takes it name from the Latin word

The Coypu Foundation is a char-

the biology department.

formed the group.

"The way it was explained to the SGA, if someone doesn't have an ID, there is no way to ensure they aren't a student," Boudreaux said. "I don't think it's going to be effective in targeting the audience we want to target."

Despite his objections, Boudreaux said the SGA will "help in any way we can."

Mission: Demon Safety will continue introducing programs throughout the semester, including Sexual Assault Awareness Week from Oct. 5-8.

The Student Safety Committee obtained funding for promotional signs and pens from the residential life and housing departments. Lentz did not have the exact expenditure figures on hand. The committee usually does not have its own budget.

The committeeinvites invites all students to participate.

"We have a very diverse population of students, and it's not closed," Lentz said.

Foundation, board of regents set up endowment

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a total of \$70,000. Along with a \$40,000 match from the Board of

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By Kyle A. Carter for the nutria rat, a species of ani-

News Editor

#### Bookstores' price differences explained

By Jonathan Tullier Sauce Reporter

NSU students may have noticed that book prices at the University Bookstore are one to three dollars higher than those of the Campus

"There was no time to think over prices," Lee Waskom, owner of the Campus Corner and the University Bookstore, said. "We took over the store in July and the previous owners left us nothing."

In July, Barnes and Noble's contract with NSU expired. Waskom placed a bid for the University Bookstore. He won and now owns both local textbook providers.

Waskom said that when they took over the University bookstore from Barnes and Noble, no historical record or projectons of sales was

"Our main goal for August was to renovate and train in the University Bookstore," Waskom said.

Under their contract with NSU, the University Bookstore is charged rent and financial aid charge- offs, slightly raising the prices there.

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while in the account. Instead, the

professor with the endowment is

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account, Bodri said. The professor

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President Randall Webb said the

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"We are deeply appreciative of

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#### A sample student's book costs:

Here is a price comparison between the two book providers.

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- Sociology in our
- times/\$87.00/\$84.75
- Social Things/\$17.55/\$17.10
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- ture/\$57.50/\$56.05 College Algebra/\$69.00/\$67.25
- · Physical Uni-

verse/\$110.65/\$107.80

Total: \$457.90/434.50

Financial aid charge-offs were estimated this year to be anywhere between \$50,000 and \$150,000. These compensate for students who purchase books with scholarships, drop out, and do not return

"If the actual charge-off prices are not this great, the book prices will fall more inline," Waskom

Overall, the price variation is not as great as it once was. Pprices between bookstores have previously varied five to 15 dollars per book Waskom said. He said that although book prices are different, clothing and school supply prices are the same.

Waskon said closing the price gap on books between the stores has not been the only worry on his

"We also have to address the problem of people who buy books at one store and return them at the other," Waskom said. "A return policy statement will be issued

A grounds crew member

A student's vehicle was

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A student reported his bike

A girl passed out in her

room in Sabine Hall. She was

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the Student Activities Board! There is one Representative at Large position open and 7 Residential Representative positions open. Pick up an application in room 214. The deadline for these applications is Friday, Sept. 10 at 12 p.m. in Room 214. Elections will be held on Monday, Sept. 13 beginning at 8:30p.m.

Anyone interested in running for Mr. and Miss NSU or the 2004 NSU Homecoming Court can pick up information in the Student Activities Office in Room 214 of the Student Union. Any organizations wishing to sponsor an entry may also pick up information at that time. Filings will end on Tuesday, Sept. 14, and elections will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22 and Thursday, Sept. 23.

**SGA** 

The Student Government Association is now accepting applications for an executive assistant. This is a paid student job. Please pick-up an application in the SGA office, Student Union Room 222. For further information call Mindy McConnell at 357-4335.

Anyone interested in running for SGA Class Senator can pick up an application in the SGA Office. Applications will be due on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Elections will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22, and Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004

**NSU Football** 

Current NSU students can pick up their football game tickets at the Athletic Ticket Office located in the NSU Fieldhouse at the south end of the football stadium. The Athletic Ticket office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are free to students but a valid student ID is required to obtain them.

KNWD presents the thirdannual End of Summer Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11 starting at 12 p.m. The EOS Fest is a local band music festival that will be free to all. Contact Candice at 354-9539 for more information

Greek 1010

Letters today, leaders tomorrow. Session 1: Sept. 28 7-9 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Session 2: Sept. 30, 7-9 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Meetings are for all Greek new members - Spring '04 and Fall '04.

the Current Sauce welcomes submissions for Connections, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring Connections to Kyser 225, or e-mail them to currentsauce@nsula.edu. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any Connection.

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There was a wreck by the Columns. There was only minor damage to both vehi-

5:23 p.m. A call was received in reference to another wreck.

Someone came in to report that the sign on the Fine Arts building had fallen off. An officer was dispatched to pick up the sign and bring it back to the university police station. 8-31-04

7:58 a.m.

A woman called and requested an officer because someone was shaking the doors of Roy Hall. No evidence of an intruder was found.

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4:57 a.m.

An ambulance was called to Sabine Hall for a student with a possible spider bite. The girl was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

A wreck was reported. A person was taken into custody with the campus police, and one vehicle was searched. Vehicles were towed, and the

roadway was cleared. 7:15 p.m. There was a wreck at Tarlton Drive and University Park-

8:36 p.m.

Boozman Hall. Police officers and members of the Natchitoches Fire Department were dispatched. All floors were searched.

9-2-04 12:51 a.m.

A man called in reference to a dispute. Officers were dispatched to check it out. It turned out to be a resident who raised his voice and began beating on the wall as a result of an argument with his mother on the phone.

10:08 a.m.

The nurse was taken to floor. Family and Consumer Sciences Room 132 where a woman was transported to the

Natchitoches, LA 71457

People outside Sabine Hall heard glass breaking. There was a broken window on the The fire alarm went off at fourth floor. An RA was sent to check it out. People from the room were going to Natchitoches Parish Hospital because someone's finger had been 9-6-04

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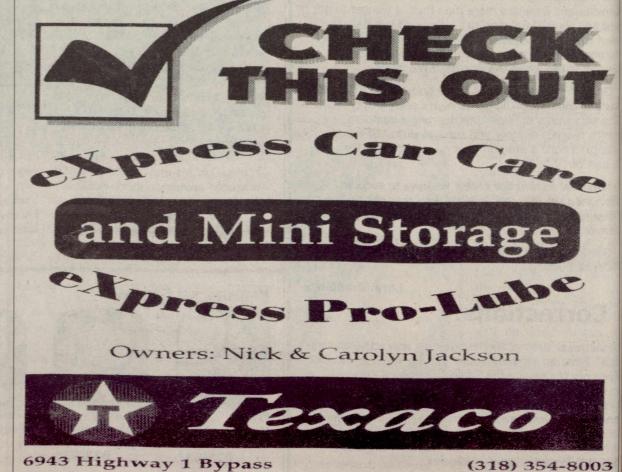
A person was stuck in the elevator on the third floor at the stadium.

8:21 p.m.

The fire alarm went off at Bossier Hall. Members of the Natchitoches Fire Department came. The alarm was a result of burned popcorn on the third

Elizabeth Bolt





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has been pushing to open the facility by Jan. 1. Because of rain delays, Sampite said that is going to be a tough goal to meet.

Associate Director of Student Activities and Organizations Patric Dubois said that the rain caused a lot of lost time, but the setbacks are not major.

"We're still going to open in the spring. We can't guarantee a specific date," Dubois said. "You look at this summer; this was one of the rainiest summers in the last 100 years. It was in the top three in the past hundred years."

The beginning of the rainy summer came when they began laying concrete at the WRAC.

"If you have a lot of rain, that's OK to some extent—if you have the concrete down," Sampite said. "You can have a day of rain, then a dry day, and that dry day you can work if you've got concrete. Well, if you've got a mud hole and you're trying to frame up concrete, we're out for three or four days, maybe a week."

The weather will become less of a problem once the roof is completed, Dubois said. Once the building is enclosed, the construction crew will be doubled and work time increased.

Sampite said the roof panels will begin to be installed within the next two weeks. Now, they are completing the structural roof work. There is still

brickwork, structural work, window installation, woodwork and painting to be done before the exterior of the building is

Dubois said the hardest part has been deciding how best to align the tasks of attaining and moving equipment, and hiring and training a staff. This should only take about six weeks after the fire marshal approves the building.

"I think it's good that we make sure that this expensive and very detailed project is done properly and not hurried just so we'll have a facility," Dubois said. "I think that our contractors are doing a good job in making sure they do everything correctly and that it will be a building that lasts a long time. If it's done properly we'll be able to appreciate it and have less



Fall 1998 - Plans for remodeling the intramural building began. Students voted for a plan to install a cardiovascular unit and stateof-the-art workout equipment.

Spring 1999 - Students began paying \$75 per semester to afford the \$ 7 million for the project.

January 2002 - The intramural building closed for renovations.

April 2002 - IM underwent a three-week hazardous material and asbestos removal process.

September 2002 - Contractors began to make bids on the project, and the basement of Rapides Hall opened as a makeshift workout

January 2003 - Bidders waited for state approval of construction budget to begin work.

May 2003 - Groundbreaking ceremony was held. Master of Ceremonies Greg Comeaux announced that the building should be complete in the fall of 2004.

Summer 2004 - Heavy rain throughout most of June caused major



Leslie Westbrook/ the Current Sauce Outside the WRAC building as construction continues to finish by the spring.

problems there in the future."

The facility is going to be 82,000 square feet of state-of-the-art workout space, Dubois said. The building will be equipped with two large gymnasiums, a oneninth mile rubberized track, two 2,500 square foot weight rooms, a 2,500 square foot cardiovascular room with six televisions to watch while working out, three racquet ball courts, a 2,500 square foot group fitness room and a game room with pool and pingpong tables. The building will also have men and women's locker rooms that can be rented out for the year. Students will be able to rent smaller lockers for 25 cents

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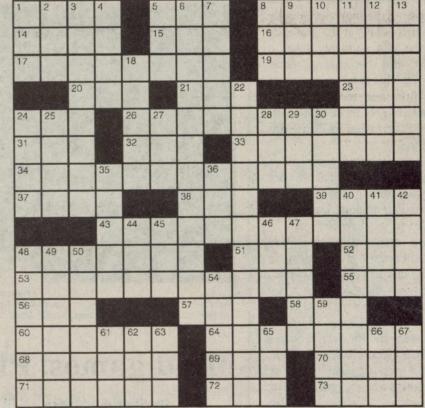
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"Anacondas"

Movie Review:

**Aaron Pizani** Sauce Reporter

Is it a remake? Is it a sequel? Have we already seen a movie about giant snakes in a jungle that have a sweet tooth for peo-

No, no, and yes. "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid," directed by Dwight Little, should not be prematurely dumped to the side just because it seems like a total rip-off of the 1997 "Anaconda" film starring Jennifer Lopez.

Once you realize that "Anacondas" was never meant to be a great movie, and that it was never expected to blow the top off any aspect of movie making, it is a lt easier to sit and enjoy.

A New York pharmaceutical corporation wants a group to trek through the Borneo jungle in search of the "Blood Orchid." This flower contains a chemical that takes the limit off how many times a cell can reproduce. This would mean eternal life for a human and billions of dollars for whichever greedy drug corporation gets its hands on it first.

The expedition consists of a scientist, Matthew Marsden; his assistant, KaDee Strickland; two corporate opportunists, Salli Richardson-Whitfield and Morris Chestnut; a medic, Nicholas Gonzalez; a nervous techie, Eugene Byrd and the boat captain, Johnny Messner, who seems to have "hero" oozing from his pores even at his first appearance.

The plot is predictable and the dialogue is cheesy. At first it seems to be making fun of all other movies in the same genre. However, the movie eventually screams "sike!" at the audience as the plot suddenly takes a twist and becomes a good movie. This only happens once the first, and most annoying, character gets picked off. Perhaps that is what made the difference.

The characters seem a bit cliché in the beginning, but once they are thrown into a dire situation, their traits are lovable and their fear is believable.

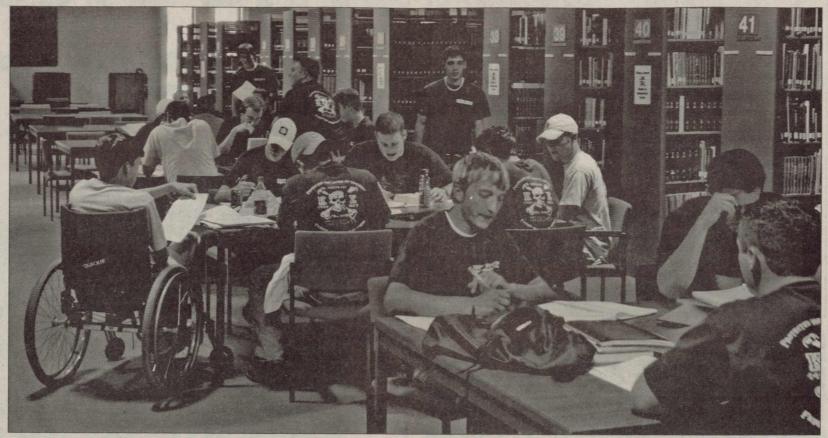
The anacondas themselves are not seen in full detail or as frequently as you might expect, but when they do make a full appearance, they look good. The computer generated freaksof-nature and the flailing bodies of their victims look surprisingly real for what seems like a low budget summer movie. The scenery and locations were also remarkable.

The first half-hour might be a bit uninspiring and you might find yourself more interested in the back of the person's head in front of you than the movie. However, it quickly catches your attention and does not let go until the end.

I would highly recommend "Anacondas" if you have 90 minutes to kill and want to spend at least 60 minutes of it on the edge of your seat.

Four out of Five Stars





Thirty-six Kappa Sigma pledges spend their mandatory two-hours-per-week study time in Watson library Wednesday evening

# Go to your quiet place

by Tamara Carter Sauce Reporter

Raquel C. Hill

Getting away from the hustle and bustle of college life can be difficult, but students can find their quiet

Even on NSU's busy campus a variety of quiet places are available to students. They may opt for a traditional setting such as the library or enjoy the natural ambiance of Lake Chaplin. Both offer a quiet atmosphere in which students can relax, and if the mood hits them, study for a class or

Some places on campus are sometimes quiet and sometimes not so quiet. Take the Friedman Student Union for example. During breaks between classes, students may snag a spot in the lobby or find a quiet corner in Vic's. Thorn LaCaze, a junior pubNSU students search for quiet study areas

lic relations major, likes to study in pubs or cafés. "The lobby is always quiet," LaCaze said. "I usually grab an ener-

gy drink from Vic's, sit by myself and However, the temptation of socializing and grabbing food overrides the need for quiet and relaxation. To get

away from distractions, some students may choose to sit in their cars. "I see it all the time," Leigh Ann Culbert, a junior journalism major said. "People sit in their cars on the telephone. I did it, too, just to get

Students can also go somewhere off campus to find places that suit their relaxation or studying needs. Some

students decide to venture to local

For example, PJ's Coffee & Tea is frequently visited. Milka Sotomayor, a junior social work major, is the evening shift manager at PJ's. She sees many students who come with backpacks and laptops ready for long evenings of studying or writing.

"A lot of people stay here all day with their laptops. The wireless network makes it really nice, too," Sotomayor said, referring to the wireless Internet service PJ's provides its

Because PJ's is across the street from the Louisiana School for Math. Science and the Arts, it becomes rather busy during the early evening. However, during the early afternoon and late evening, business starts to die

down, and it becomes more pleasant for college students wanting peace and quiet.

If caffeine is not your "cup of tea," there are other alternatives. Many students opt to study along the Cane River on campus. The willow trees provide shade while the cool grass offers a soft place to catch a few Z's or catch up on your calculus homework.

Even though many students do find places to study, some students still find it difficult to get away from the noise of their roommates or dormitory. For instance, Latasha Monette, a senior fashion merchandising major, described the place where she finds

"I go in my bathroom because I know no one will follow me," Monette said. "It's the only time I can real-

Whether you choose the Student Union or the bathroom, quiet places can be found.



Photo by Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce Kelly Johnson, a junior LSMSA student studies in the background.

#### Mind games: Play them now, build brainpower later

By Shari Rudavsky Knight Ridder Newspapers

Nick Austin (social work, junior), Valeri Jones (fashion merchandising, junior), Fugee Fournier (health and excercise science, junior), Melvin Ashley (business administration, sen-

Now, it's time to do a boot camp

for your brain. A growing body of research has concluded that by keeping your mind active, you may stave off the memory loss and diminished brain functions associated with aging. Physical exercise and a healthy diet can boost the brain, too.

"If you start in your 30s or 40s, you have four or five decades to control these factors that come into operation that can have a very dramatic effect," says Dr. Ranjan Duara, medical director of the Wien Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach.

Photo by Chris Reich/ the Current Sauce

So, bravo to the crossword-puzzle-a-day crew, the amateur CPAs doing their own taxes, the poly-

glots who add one more language to their repertoire. Any and all of these activities done in earlier life can help bolster the mind in old age, a concept experts call "the cognitive reserve" theory.

Jeanette Tristman of Miami Beach has lived her life by that creed. At 86, she spends hours on the computer, does crossword puzzles, and reads voraciously.

"This is the only way to do it," she says. "If you don't use it, you

Some experts, however, doubt these exercises have an inside track of lowering the risk of cognitive decline. Without hard data to support such claims, it's just too early to know, says David Loewenstein, director of research at the Wien

WATCH EXTREMES

"It can't hurt to stay mentally active, but anything that's good can See MIND GAMES page 5



Where were you on September 11th?



Kayla Brossette junior journalism major

"I didn't go to school that day, and I hadn't even woken up yet when one of my friends called me to tell me what happened."



Jeremiah Rivers senior health and exercise science

"I was at the Kappa Sigma house watching Sports Center when the news broke. I remember I missed all my classes that day because I was glued to the TV.



Miranda Williams, freshman nursing major & Kendra Thomas, freshman English major

"We were in biology class watching Channel 1, a news channel we watched everyday at our high school, and the news reports flooding in.

#### FASHIONABLE FOCUS

Raquel Hill

#### Signature Style

By now, you have reached NSU and surpassed the ideals of the high school mentality that fashion comes only to those who spend a lot of money. Coming to college makes a lot of people feel "free." Not necessarily free to do anything you want, but free to express who you are. I think freedom of expression is one of our country's most important assets and college is as good a time as any to put that expression to work.

Everyone has their own "signature" style. This style is something that represents who they are and how they express their creativity or their sense of fashion. For instance, when I was in high school, I always apart dressed a little more maturely than my peers. I was known as a "sophisticated" chick because when I was told to dress up, I wore sleek suits and heels and not t classic dress styles. When make things were more casual, I was still in a button-down, collared shirt with jeans and heels or boots. My style was simple, yet chic—and frankly, it bothered a lot of folks.

My friends always teased me for dressing like was a businesswoman or somethingwhen the truth was, that's what I wanted to be. I wanted to be someone who was successful enough to dress up everyday and still look polished with clean lines on the weekends. That style still holds true today. Of course, I do have my moments when I will burst out of my room with something super trendy and fun—but that sort of style is not "harmonized" with my everyday personality, it only hits me when I am in the mood!

On one hand I am a girl that likes classic looks, but on the other hand I am definitely into trying out new styles and trends. The trend may not stay in my wardrobe for very long, but at least I will give it a try.

When it comes to style, your outfits don't have to match your shoes as much as your style has to match your persona. Wouldn't it be weird seeing your earthy-bohemian type best friend show up to your door some day wearing a suit and heels? Of course it would be; it's not their style.

There is nothing worse than looking at woman who is dressed in a style that has nothing to do with her personality or mentality. Style first starts out in the mind: when you feel good about how you look, you will always glow and shine, no matter what the occasion.

By this time in our lives, we have seen trends come in and fade out, and we have made certain decisions as to what type of clothes look best on us. It is important to know what type of colors look best on you and also what type of shirt or pant styles fit the best.

Take a lesson from style icons like Sarah Jessica Parker and Jennifer Aniston. Their styles are totally different from each other because each of them has their own fashion characteristics. They are not slaves to trends and they are not always running out to the nearest Neiman Marcus department store to find out what is in style this month. They choose colors, cuts, and styles that work for them, and them alone.

Sarah Jessica Parker likes party dresses—and it is said that her favorite designer gowns are in a teacup, ballerina-type style that hits her right

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below the knees and hug her tiny upper body. This style fits her personality and looks classy and refined on her.

Jennifer Aniston has specific colors that she sticks to: black, red, green, white, and blue. These colors reflect the type of person she is: a practical, sensible, no-nonsense kind of gal. The colors she chooses are bold and brilliant, never faded—like her. She wants to stand out, but in a tasteful manner.

I've taken a couple of hints from my Little Sister in Tau Beta Sigma who has a great sense of style. She is a fashion major now, but in high school she was voted "Most Original." The fact that others respect her uniqueness is something of which to be proud! She is no slave to trends, but she does come up with some exceptional ensembles that I really admire. Her fashion variations totally fit her personality and I would not change one thing about it. Everyday, she walks out of the apartment with a smile, confident that her style might be a little different but totally her

Getting away from trends is not the point I am trying to make with this week's column. The point is to find out what kind of style fits YOU best, and hold on to it. Don't let anyone try and judge you by it and don't ever be afraid to express yourself and be who you are. You're in college now—and it's your time to shine.

If you have questions or comments concerning fashion trends or products, please e-mail Raquel at: SaucyFashion@aol.com.

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also be taken to an extreme," says Loewenstein, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Miami. 'I have people ask me, 'My God, do I have to play Scrabble six hours a day?' '

In the past, conventional wisdom held that brains did not grow cells after a certain point. But research has shown that lab animals that navigated mazes in captivity buffed up their hippocampus, a part of the brain involved with storing memories. It's not known whether mental activity has a similar effect on human brains, but research holds that what one does now can pay off

adulthood and middle age can of Florida psychologist Marsiske, help you guard against some of the other aspects of cognitive decline in later life," said University of to real life," he says. Florida psychologist Michael Mar-

To help people stockpile that mental capacity, "brain gyms" have proliferated on the web, with names ranging from MyBrain-Trainer.com to HappyNeuron.com, each one promising a collection of mental calisthenics.

At Memory Concepts, subscribers pay an annual fee of \$99 to pump mental iron with exercises that tax five aspects of memory \_ language, executive function (problem-solving), visual-spatial skills, and long- and short-term

Watching two family members suffer from Alzheimer's disease inspired founder Janet B. Walsh to create her own mental exercises, like taking art classes and brushing her teeth with her nondominant hand. Eventually she paired with a neuropsychologist to develop a program, which she likens to train-

ing at the gym. You really need someone to show you how to lift weights properly or run on that treadmill properly," says Walsh, 48, of Long

Island. "We're actually saying the mind has the same capacity and we're just going to help you along."

But others say the toughest mind games may do little to enhance people's ability to function in the real world as they age. One of the largest studies to date of older adults' cognitive abilities, the National Institute of Aging's ACTIVE trial (for Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly), demonstrated that while the subjects aced memory and problem solving tests on paper, they registered no improvement in daily living. This result suggests that structured classes or even exercises found on the Web 'What you put in earlier in may be misguided, says University

one of the principal investigators. "It's acontextual. It's not related

Rather than taking classes on how to improve one's memory, he said, people should engage in reallife activities such as going to the library or taking courses that spark

**DIET AND FITNESS** 

Intellectual activity alone does not necessarily suffice. Physical fitness and a healthy diet, important for maintaining sound bodies, helps maintain sound minds.

One recent National Institute of Aging study found that after six months of regular aerobic exercise, seniors improved their recall ability by 25 percent, according to cognitive function tests performed at the beginning and end of the period. Those who engaged in nonaerobic exercise for that same period saw no benefit.

Earlier this month at the Alzheimer's Association meeting in Philadelphia, a Harvard doctor reported that middle-aged women who ate vegetables, particularly leafy greens, stayed sharper than their counterparts who turned

their noses up at this food group. These are all good things when

it comes to brain health," says Dr. Gary Small, director of the UCLA Center on Aging and co-author of The Memory Prescription (Hyperion, 2004). "What's good for your brain is also good for your heart."

In his book, Small describes a four-pronged plan to improve the memory in just two weeks, calling it "a boot camp for the brain." The plan melds memory exercises, physical activity, a diet high in antioxidants and omega-3 fatty acids, and stress reduction.

Neuro-imaging scans showed that in just two weeks, a group of volunteers, age 30 on up, saw a 5 percent improvement in the efficiency of their brain function, Small says. Their stress levels and blood pressure dipped.

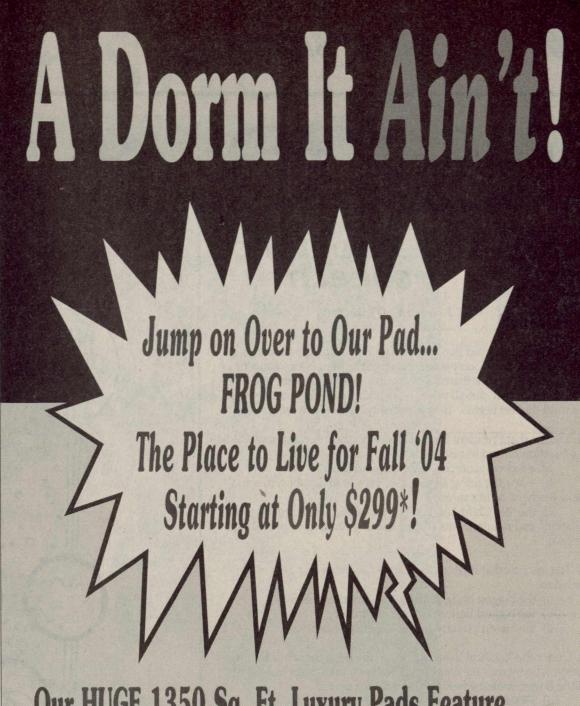
Now, he hopes to follow people over the long term to see if the results will continue to accrue.

"If we can get such dramatic results in two weeks, imagine if people did this for two months or two years. I would predict that it would lower the rate of Alzheimer's," he says. `This may not cure it, but if we can stave it off for six months or a year, it would have a huge impact on public

For some, memory problems are not a symptom of old age but a way of life. All his life, Ira Abrams, 71, has had trouble recalling people's names. At social gatherings, the Aventura man would station his wife by his side and whisper a constant stream of "what's his name, what's her name" to her.

Years ago, he joined the brain gym of his generation, taking a class to hone his ability to recall names. "That memory course," he says, "from, oh . . . what's his

A beat passes. He hems nervously and then blurts out, "Dale Carnegie," as the answer bubbles up from the inner recesses of his



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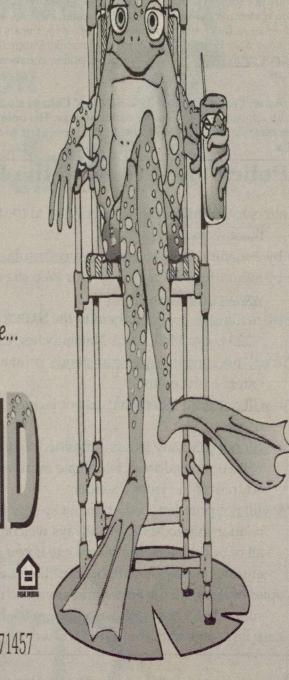
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# **OPINIONS**





# The acceptance speech

By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

I hope those who read this column last week took the time to watch the President's acceptance speech at the Republican convention, because this week there's a pop quiz! Everybody get out a piece of paper and pencil, put all your books under your desk and remain quiet until the test begins. Éveryone ready? Then here we go.

- 1) The act that President Bush refers to as "the most important federal education reform in history" is:
  - a) a federal act increasing school funding.
- b) a law requiring all teachers, private and public, to actually have teachers' certifications.
- c) the "No Child Left Behind Act," which imposed dozens of regulations and requirements without raising funding or providing a
- 2) The tax cuts that Bush called "largest tax relief in a generation"
  - a) the biggest budget surplus in American history.
  - b) the biggest deficit in American history.
  - c) the lowest poverty rate in American history.
- 3) Under the "medical liability reform" the Bush regime is touting a doctor, who by mistake amputated both of a man's legs instead of his little finger, could be held accountable for up to:
  - a) \$500,000 and/or revocation of license.
  - b) \$1,000,000 and/or up to two years in prison.
- 4) "Pakistan was a transit point for terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia was fertile ground for terrorist fund-raising. Libya was secretly pursuing nuclear weapons, Iraq was a) "a gathering threat."
- b) "the home of a genocidal dictator bent on destroying America and his own people.'
  - c) "an immediate danger."

All right! The answer to number one is, (c), "No Child Left Behind," which would more appropriately be called "the most counterproductive federal education reform in history." Number two is (b), the biggest deficit in American history. In fact, before the end of the year, the deficit will reach more than a half trillion dollars. Bush attacks Kerry for his tax-and-spend policy, but Bush would have us simply spend, unaccountably. Number Three is (c); working on the assumption that it is frivolous lawsuits which have caused such high insurance premiums, Bush and company would put an absolute limit of only \$250,000 on every malpractice suit, regardless of severity. Finally, number four is (a), "a gathering threat," but we didn't bomb any of the countries for which he listed specific offenses. By this loose justification, we should have bombed North Korea, Libya, Iran, Saudi Arabia, parts of Palestine, France (if you listen to some people), China, parts of the former USSR and India long ago. Double standard, anyone:

Quick correction to last week's column: the Green Party is, in fact, running a presidential candidate this term, but they said no to Nader. Check www.gp.org for more information. Also, we apparently got some complaints about the two liberal columns last week. You're damn right I'm liberal, and a radical, but not nearly as much of either as Bush, who's promising another four years of wiping his rear with the constitution. Write to saucefiller@hotmail.com with gripes, grumps, complaints, applause, praise, comments, or ques-

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BY CONNOR JOHNSON



# ly first vote

By Hans Zeiger Courtesy KRT Campus

On November 2, I will cast my first vote in a presidential election for George W. Bush. My decision is without reservation. President Bush is not only qualified for reelection, but much is at stake

I am not a die-hard Bush fan. I was never enthused about Bush in 2000. I campaigned for Dan Quayle during his short-lived candidacy, and when Quayle dropped out, I volunteered on Alan Keyes' campaign. As a young idealist, I've always looked for principled heroes in the world of politics before I seek establishment candi-

It is quite true that Bush is a man of the establishment. His presence on the national stage is a result of his birth into a powerful family. This is a statement equally applicable to most of history's rulers and statesmen as to Bush.

Whether the president shall retain his seat behind the desk in the Oval Office is now a separate matter from his association with the Bush family name. For nearly four years, the president has had the immense burden to prove that he is more than a man of the national-stage establishment, that he is capable of leading the world's greatest nation in an hour of crisis.

the commander in chief has accomplished great things in the task at hand; two dictators have been toppled and terrorist networks are being dismantled. In that sense the president has ably followed in the train of McKinley, Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt.

I do not mean to say that the president has led perfectly on all fronts. Since he entered the 2000 presidential race, I have never assumed Bush to be a conservative in the sense I like to think of con-

I recently asked White House communications liaison Tim Goeglein to what extent the president takes into consideration the Constitution in his daily policy considerations. I received a roundabout answer that suggested the president was a deliberative man, but not necessarily deliberative with respect to the Constitution. This, I would say, is the president's chief fault. It has been said that Bush is a big-government conservative, and for this he must be criticized.

But I find increasingly as I learn the various roles of institutions within our society that George W. Bush is not the man to blame completely for the growth of government - or the failure to stop its growth - in recent years. Neither is Congress or any other part of government entirely to blame. Government cannot usually cut off its

organs, nor even contain itself.

The people of this self-governing Republican country are ultimately responsible for our own lives. We must be a people of faith, compassion and character if our free institutions are to survive the rigors of a fallen world. So in America, the growth of government is not so much an issue of the state in some self-amassed power to tax, spend and control. That problem is more directly a result of the people in decreasing responsibility in matters of faith, compassion and character.

Government grows because we the people demand more of it and less of ourselves. While we shouldn't excuse this president for taking too liberal a view of government, God cannot yet forgive our nation for taking too irresponsible a view of ourselves.

In the midst of these trials of character and Constitution - judicial tyranny, gay marriage, abortion, threatened individual responsibilities, burgeoning government - we are without a Washington, a Lincoln or a Reagan to guide us. The high places are not all dismantled, nor the land made pure.

But God sends different leaders for different times, and this one for ours. President Bush possesses high personal integrity, and though he may not consult the Constitution as his foremost guide to policy as he ought, at least he seeks to preserve the Constitution.

That cannot be said of John Kerry, whose character is questionable and whose political intentions are aggressively destructive to the Constitution and ordered liberty. John Kerry is unfit for command, say the veterans he so thoroughly denigrated. John Kerry is a flipflopper, say those who know his voting record.

Bush is a recognizable embodiment of two great political character traits, humility and prudence. He has an apparently genuine faith in God, private and public. His ability to delegate authority to men of great skill and experience is noteworthy. Few presidential administrations in recent history can match the collective knowledge and credibility of this one. This president is not a champion among statesmen, but he is a good leader nonetheless.

So this young American is honored to cast his first vote in a presidential election for George W. Bush. For what it's worth, I encourage young people across the country to join me in voting to re-elect this president.

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**Patrick** West The Way I See It

#### Special **Teams**

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Did anybody notice a theme in this past weekend's college football games? The special teams for some college football programs cost their team a chance to win a football

Let's look at some cases. First, on Thursday night, TCU vs. Northwestern as the game went into overtime. Northwestern's kicker could not seal the deal as he missed five field goals in that game.

Second, Oregon State's kicker missed three extra points. That is downright terrible, and LSU should have lost.

Last, but not least is NSU vs. ULL. The Demons should have beaten the Ragin' Cajuns, but the good ol' special teams came back to bite us again.

I thought after last season's debacles with the Demon kickers, there would be improvements this season. Well, looks like I might be wrong.

I will give new deep snapper Tommy McClelland the benefit of the doubt because he is new, but let us hope it was just a freak accident.

As for our kickers, I know everyone remembers last season, so this is not something new. After seeing Josh Storrs's kick against ULL, I could not help but think back to last

That kick was so low, I do not think the ULL defender needed to jump. Even Coach Stoker said Storrs just missed.

The other missed kick by Tommy Hebert was due to a bad placement, so that is understandable.

Now let me take you back on a journey of last season. During the NSU vs. Tulane game, Hebert missed two field goals, which would have won the game for NSU.

The Demon's other kicker, Storrs, had a chance for the win if he had nailed a 45-yard kick, but a bad snap with a bad spot led him to miss that one. This was just the beginning.

Up next in the ongoing tragedy of Demon kickers happened at McNeese. Hebert missed an extra point and a 20-yard field goal, which led NSU to lose to the Cowboys 13-9.

I am not trying to add pressure to the kickers. I know they have the ability to make kicks and win games, so I wonder, is it a mental issue? Is something bothering these kickers?

I know, though, that our coaching staff led by head coach Scott Stoker will fix this problem and sort out the kicking game.

If we had made those two field goals, NSU would only have been down 14-13 against the Ragin' Cajuns, and if freshman A.J. Franklin had not fumbled the ball on the one, NSU would have won 20-13.

But this is not a game of maybes. It is a game of action. I know next week the Demons will improve and keep getting better because coach Stoker will not stop until it is fixed.

Check out some Demon football action; you never know what will happen.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Former Demon goal keeper Nellie Latiolais saves a a goal last season. Latiolais was a two-year starter for NSU, but her career was ended early after a car accident this summer.

# A soccer career ends



Nellie Latiolais is now an assistant coach for the NSU Demons as she helps Coach Mitchell with the team. Here Latiolais is helping NSU's new goalkeeper like Krystle Donaldson adjust to playing in the net

By Adam Hymel Sauce Reporter

maturely ended by injuries.

Latiolais was preparing for perhaps her best season yet when an automobile accident sidelined her.

the brachial plexus nerve not be on the field helping," and doctors told her she would risk being paralyzed if she continued to play.

She was the 2002 conference tournament most valuable player, a member of the What do Bo Jackson, Gale 2002 All-Louisiana Team Sayers and NSU soccer's and the 2003 All-Southland Nellie Latiolais all have in Conference selection. Latiocommon? They all had suc- lais also had 134 saves last cessful athletic careers pre- season with seven shutouts for the Demons.

> Like most athletes, Latiolais has found it hard to be on the sidelines.

"The hardest part is She suffered an injury to watching the team play and Latiolais said.

her inability to play has keeper get better through-Latiolais was a two-year kept her down, she has starter as goalkeeper for the accepted another role on the move to the sidelines well.

Coach Jimmy Mitchell said Nellie has really handled the transition well and has continued to be a valuable part of the team.

Mitchell also said Latiolais has used her experience to help the young goalkeepers improve.

Latiolais teaching has helped new goalkeeper Johnna Klohoker get in a rhythm early in the season.

Klohoker ranks first in the league with 54 saves as Laiolais looks forward to Latiolais said although helping the young goal-

The new goalkeepers are Lady Demons soccer team team as an assistant coach expected to help lead the with a number of honors and so far has handled the young Demon squad to the conference tournament.

# Demons lose, look to tame Tigers

By Patrick West Sports Editor

The NSU Demons look to rebound and win their first game of the season against the Jackson State Tigers Saturday at Mississippi Veterans Stadium.

The Demons slipped in the polls from No. 18 to No. 21 after their loss last week to the Louisiana Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns.

Demon head coach Scott Stoker said in this week's game, the Demons will have to execute in all phases of the game to beat the Tigers.

'Jackson is big up front and they do a lot of things on defense," Stoker said. "They will be pumped up because it is their home opener and they will bring their Agame."

The Demons and Tigers played last season, and NSU won the game 23-7. Coach Stoker said the Demons did not play well offensively against the Tigers last season, and his team needs to improve this season.

For NSU to win, the Demons will need to improve special teams and offense. The offense out gained the Ragin' Cajuns but had trouble finding the end zone as a turnover on the one-yard line hurt the Demons.

The Demons also had miscues on special teams, which

hurt NSU last season. A bad snap and two missed field goals also hurt the Demons. The lone bright spot for NSU in last week's game was the defense and the running game, which shined when the special teams and the passing games struggled.

The Demons should fare well against the Tiger defense, which was ranked 103 in stopping the run last season in 1-AA. The JSU defense gave up 304 rushing yards in a loss to Hampton last week.

The Demons will rely on their potent four-running back system of Derrick Johnese, Shelton Sampson, A.J. Franklin and Greg Skid-

Coach Stoker said the Demons will rely on the running game, but the passing game needs to be effective as 'We need to continue to

do what we do," Stoker said. "We have got to be able to throw and run the ball to win this game." The two teams have met

six times with NSU leading the series 3-2. This will be the last time the two teams meet, and the Demons will look to snap a five-game losing skid that began last sea-

The Demons and Tigers kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday night in Mississippi. After playing the Tigers, NSU will open up a four-game home stand starting against Texas Southern on Sept. 18.

**NSU 7 ULL 14** 

The NSU Demons could not overcome two special team miscues as the Louisiana Lafayette Ragin Cajuns beat them 14-7 Saturday night.

Despite out gaining the Ragin' Cajuns 343 yards of total offense to 288 for ULL, the Demons had trouble finding the end zone in Lafayette.

The Demons' first miscue on special teams came in the first quarter when deepsnapper Tommy McClelland snap sailed over the head of punter Ricky Joe Meeks. This miscue set up ULL's first score.

The second miscue by NSU's special teams came in the second quarter when kicker Josh Storrs' kick was low and blocked by ULL. ULL ran the ball back to

the NSU 25-yard line, which set up the second score for the Ragin' Cajuns. NSU kicker Tommy Hebert would later miss a 43-yard field goal in the third quarter.

'Josh just missed the kick," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said. "Tommy missed the kick, but the spot of the ball was about a foot off, so that made him miss that kick."

in the second quarter off of a pass from quarterback Davon Vinson to wide son finished the game with receiver Derrick Doyle for a 148 yards in the air and one 17-yard touchdown comple- touchdown.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce Demon wide receiver Toby Zeigler tries to drag a ULL defender for a

tion. NSU had a chance to score with late drives, but Vinson missed some passes and the offense could not

few more yards.

"Davon basically missed the last three throws," Stoker said. "He had a couple of guys open, and he has got to hit those open receivers."

NSU was led offensively The Demons would score by running back Derrick Johnese who ran the ball for 126 yards on 13 carries. Vin-



Cheryl Thompson the Current Sauce Derrick Johnese runs away from a ULL defender.

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

VOLLEYBALL **Demons open** season 2-2; beat Air Force & ULL

Northwestern State spli a couple of volleyball matches in the final day of the Hibernia Bank Classic defeating host Louisiana. Lafayette 3-1 followed by an 0-3 loss to Tulsa in the nightcap here Saturday.

In the first match Priscila Augusto and Whitney King each collected double-doubles King getting 13 kills and 17 digs while Augusto had 13 kills and 13 digs. Flavis Belo flirted with a triple double with 45 assists nine kills and eight digs The Demons dropped the first game 28-30 but rallied for three straight wins physic at 30-27, 30-28 and 30-27 Physic to advance to the champi campi onship match of the tournament.

"I'm very proud of the NSU stud way we competed," said this semes head coach Leigh Mullins the addition "We got some really good projects de play out of Priscila, Falvia Chris San and Whitney. We're play student co ing great as a team and spaces we that's always a positive." summer, a

In the second match Hall. He sa Tulsa was just too much funds for o for the Lady Demons to one-third t handle as Tulsa took the The mon match 30-25, 30-18 and 30-

Shannon Puder was the "We've g lone double-figure hittering lot," Sa with 10 kills as the Lady repairs be Demons, now 2-2 on the The over season, hit just .093 to the lot will Tulsa's (5-0) .215 hitting Coordinate

percentage. Ashley Hadley added When the 16 digs and Belo picked completely up a double-double with across the

increased 27 assists and 12 digs. With the loss, NSU fin Other car ished third in the tourna ment behind Tulsa and Russell H Mississippi State. MSU We had a won the tie-breaker ove were put in the Lady Demons by was replaced th of its 3-0 win over NSU or historical b

The Lady Demons will the vetering return to action on Frida plete, Bart when they begin play in the University the New Mexico State Plans hav Classic in Las Cruces.

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#### Soccer team loses to Rice

In a strong defensive and West ( effort, NSU's soccer team fell short against the Rio Lady Owls by a score of 1 0 Sunday.

Demon head coac Jimmy Mitchell said was satisfied with team's play early in game but believes players got tired later.

"The first twenty-fiv NSU will minutes we played thof tourism best soccer we hav Recital Hall played, but the last twent with Cane minutes of that half w Creole Nati got fatigued," Mitchel lator of th

said. Mitchell said he believe the team had chances win in the second half, by Dion Boye

just let them slip away. Ment Cent "We had our opportuni nomic stim ty to tie the game. We had that's kind our opportunity to willunique cha the game. We just could create a pa n't take advantage opportunities, analyzing h

Mitchell said. Although she waspending a unable to reach a head toches. in the box by Rice's Sara Yoder, which turned of to be the winning god ourism. Demons freshman goa keeper, Johnna Klohoke The progr compiled 14 saves in th Gov.. Mitch match.

"She's been treme! dous," Mitchell said the econom "She's been everything we're doing thought she would hicture of L when we recruited her."

Justin Hebe



# Ring, ring!

Students rely on cell phones to communicate with friends and family Page 5

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#### **Demons come home**

NSU to take on Texas Southern Saturday at Turpin Stadium

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#### Physical plant seeks funding for champi campus improvements

d of the NSU students may have noticed more places to park ed," said his semester. The director of NSU's physical plant said Mullins the addition of more parking spaces is one of several ally good projects designed to improve campus facilities.

la, Falvia Chris Sampite, physical plant director, said the No. 1 ere play student complaint is parking. To address that, 135 new eam and spaces were added on campus last year. During the ositive." summer, a gravel 95-space lot was added near Sabine match Hall. He said that the lot was not paved to conserve oo much funds for other projects. The cost of a gravel lot was emons to one-third the cost of a paved lot.

took the The money saved will be used to improve the condi-8 and 30 tion of the Sabine Hall parking lot.

was the "We've got scheduled for this fall to overlay that parkre hittering lot," Sampite said. "We're going to make all of the the Lady repairs because that lot is in really bad shape."

2 on the The overlay and redesign of entrances and exits to .093 to the lot will create 30 more parking spaces, Facilities 5 hitting Coordinator Billy Barton said.

y added When the Wellness Recreation and Activities Center is o picked completely renovated, a 75-space lot will be installed ible with across the street from Roy Hall to accommodate increased parking needs at the facility.

NSU fin Other campus improvements are in the works.

e tourna ulsa and Russell Hall has recently undergone some touch ups. "We had a lot of deterioration in the wood doors that te. MSU iker ove were put in during the renovation," Barton said. "We s by way replaced them with the style of door that goes with the r NSU of historical building."

The relocation and replacement of a horse barn for nons wil the veterinary technician program is 90 percent comon Frida plete, Barton said. The new barn is located across from n play if the University Columns on Tarlton Drive. co State

Plans have been made to widen South Jefferson Street, and the physical plant is seeking funds to extend the street out to the Highway 1 Bypass to relieve traffic congestion and reroute traffic during

Funds are also being requested for renovations in East defensive and West Caspari Halls.

**April Dickson** 

#### **NSU** to hold tourism summit; Lt. Gov. Landrieu to speak

venty-fiv NSU will host a summit on the economic importance ayed th of tourism in Natchitoches Parish Oct. 4. at Magale we hav Recital Hall. The summit is sponsored in conjunction ast twent with Cane River National Heritage Area and Cane River t half w Creole National Historic Park.

Mitche Thomas Whitehead, special projects director and iniqator of the program, said the summit's purpose is to ne believe educate the business community about tourism.

hances t d half, by Dion Boyett, director of the Small Business Developaway. Ment Center said: "Tourism is one of the primary ecoppportun nomic stimuli within the Natchitoches community, and e. We had hat's kind of unusual for a lot of cities. We have some y to willinique characteristics and capabilities and those things ust could create a payoff."

The seminar will begin with Boyett discussing and rtunities analyzing how tourism affects the economy. He said he Wants the community to understand how tourists' she waspending affects everything that goes on in Natchia head toches.

ice's Sara Whitehead said that the summit will discuss Natchining god tourism oches tourism in relation to national and statewide nan goa

Klohoke The program will conclude with keynote speaker Lt. ves in the Gov.. Mitch Landrieu, who supervises the Department of Culture and Recreational Tourism.

tremel Mitch has been going around the state talking about ell saidhe economic impact of tourism and this is tying what rything we're doing here in Natchitoches Parish with the big would "picture of Louisiana," Whitehead said.

**April Dickson** 

# Refugees flood area

Community prepares to help travelers escape Ivan's wrath; students house family, friends

By Kyle A. Carter News Editor

As Hurricane Ivan travels closer to the Mississippi and Louisiana shores, local hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast inns are full, said Natchi-Mayor Wayne McCullen.

Dustin Floyd, acting general manager for the Ramada Inn, said that the rooms there have been full since Monday. He said 327 people had to be turned away from the 135room inn, and he still has about 75 people on a waiting list for rooms. Some of these rooms are filled with whole families and their pets. He said they have been renting the same room several times a day to people just coming in to sleep a few hours.

"After CNN told the people of New Orleans they should evacuate, in a matter of 45 minutes, we were inundated with calls," Floyd said.

The local hotels and motels are not alone in the squeeze for space as people flood I-49 looking for places to rest along the evacuation routes. Some NSU students, who live in houses or apartments offcampus, have had to accommodate their families or roommates' families.

Virginia McCowen, sophomore pre-dentistry major from Lafayette, said her twobedroom apartment is full from her roommate's three family members from Houma, who evacuated here. McCowen said she gave up her room to them while they wait out Ivan. James Smith Jr., senior CIS

major, said it has been a pleasure having his parents stay with him during this time. He said they have made some time to spend together. He plans to bring them to his office and to meet his profes-

"I'm grateful I can have my parents as guests at my house," Smith said. "It's exciting to have my parents here so they can witness up



Leslie Westbrook/ the Current Sauce

New Orleans evacuee Ebony Jones (12) holds her 7-month-old cousin Da'Nay Richards in Prather Coliseum Wednesday afternoon. Jones is at Prather Coliseum with her family registering to enter one of the city shelters.

into my upbringing.

Shelly Sparks, senior broad-The evacuation routes are cast journalism major, said it filling with the drones of peo- took her family six hours to

all that money they pumped avoid the wrath of Ivan. from New Orleans to Ham- 13.5 hours to drive to Natchimond. David Roberts, a resident of the west bank of New Orleans and parent of an NSU

At press time, the city shelters were on stand-by status, front what their son does with ple fleeing their homes to make the 30-minute drive student, said that it took him waiting for the final word to

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#### Privatized dorm in works for next

for a big surprise next fall if the proposed residence hall is with the Board of Regents in the University's plan for a new apartment-style residence hall is approved.

dall Webb attended last campus housing to attract the month a Board of Regents best students," Webb said.

By Kyle A. Carter meeting to update the board News Editor on the University's proposal to build a new on-campus begin construction, Webb NSU students could be in dorm complex. Webb said phase one of an overall plan to improve campus housing.

University President Ran- provide apartment-style on-

In phase one, the University must gain final approval to said. The University will meet

October for that approval.

Dan Seymour, vice presi-"We thought it was time to dent of student affairs, said student opinions and noting new construction at other universities prompted the

A private consulting group conducted surveys during the past several years, which found a new residence hall was a top priority for stu-

He said the new dorm would help keep NSU competitive with other universi-

Seymour said the University then met with a campushousing group who did a market survey of the area and provided a plan for the new residence hall on campus.

The new plan calls for a 380-bed modified residence hall to be constructed in the area behind Iberville Hall near the Teacher Education

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#### **NSU Police Blotter**

9-7-04 7:51 a.m.

Someone in the office at was contacted because two of their students were on the Northwestern campus. One ran away from officers.

10:10 a.m.

use around a tree at Bienvenu Hall. A very strong and distinct odor was reported. One suspect was brought back to the campus police station.

9-8-04 3:34 a.m.

The Natchitoches City police department called to report that a student from the Columns had called and reported a fight. A statement was taken from the roommate.

12:54 p.m.

A student called in a fight between two girls at the post office.

2:37 p.m.

There was a wreck at Prud-

homme Hall.

2:46 p.m.

A call was received in refer-Natchitoches Central High School ence to a medical emergency in room 431 of Kyser. Police were en route with the nurse, and no ambulance was needed.

10:11 p.m.

A detective from Bienville There was suspicion of drug Parish called to inquire about a possible resident of Sabine.

9-9-04 2:18 a.m.

A call was received concerning a possible suicide. The person of concern was unable to be located. 10:09 p.m.

A front desk worker called and reported a disturbance in the Rapides lobby.

9-10-04 6:50 a.m.

Two joggers reported a white goat behind Williamson Hall. It was located in the stairwell outside of the hall. An animal shelter up out of the ground. It appeared attendant came to pick it up.

12:34 p.m.

There was an altercation

reported behind Sabine and Iberville.

9-11-04 9:45 a.m.

There was a horse barn construction worker with a child on a tractor spotted.

11:32 a.m. The fire alarm at Boozman went off. The Natchitoches Fire Department was notified. The alarm going off was the result of someone cooking pancakes in the microwave on the 2nd floor.

12:35 p.m.

A call was received from the baseball office in reference to some minor vandalism and the sprinklers on the field being turned on after hours.

12:50 p.m.

Someone from the Family and Consumer Sciences building called to report that an iron bench near the building had been pulled to be an act of vandalism and a statement was taken.

9-12-04

12:58 a.m.

The fire alarm at Bossier went off. The Natchitoches Fire Department was en route.

4:04 p.m.

The fire alarm at Bossier went off again. 11:09 p.m.

A resident of married student housing called to report a possible theft. Nothing was taken but it looked as if someone had tried to

11:50 p.m.

Heavy arguing was reported outside of Sabine. It was just a group of people who had gotten out of hand.

9-13-04

7:55 a.m.

A student came in to report that his book bag had been stolen out of his vehicle.

8:22 a.m.

A woman was transported to the nurse for cuts.

**Elizabeth Bolt** 

#### RESIDENCE FROM PAGE 1

Center, said Jennifer Anderson, director of auxiliary services.

She said modified residence halls are apartment-style living quarters that contain a kitchenette, central living area and their own

Anderson said the new residence hall will have 30 two-bedroom, two-bathroom units to house four students and 126 two-bedroom, two-bathroom, units for two-students. Each unit will have a kitchenette, which is an area for a refrigerator and microwave, but it will not be a full kitchen. Anderson also said negotiations are being made to include a swimming pool and a recreation area.

The idea for the residence hall's style came from the popularity of both Sabine Hall and the University Columns, Anderson said. She said that the University knows that students like the suite-style living or destruction of other residence James Sr conditions of Sabine over the com- halls on campus.

munal style living offered in other

residence halls. "It is supposed to be a hybrid between Sabine Hall and the Uni

versity Columns," Anderson said The University wants to priva tize the new dorm building like the University Columns, Seymon said. The money to construct th new building will come from a pri vate investor. Everything from constructing to running and main taining the building will be left in the hands of the organization tak ing up the project, he said.

"This project is designed to be lease," Seymour said. "We w lease the land and leave it in th hands of a private group."

Webb said after the construction of the new residence hall, the Uni versity hopes to enter phase two the housing improvement plan which will call for the renovation

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#### New cameras placed in police units Iv

Sauce Reporter

Have you ever run a red light or stop sign and thought it was fine? No one saw, right? Well, now someone may see you, or rather something. You may get caught by the new cameras in campus police

Joe Morris, coordinator of the criminal justice program and retired police officer of more than 20 years, said the cameras should help the police force, students and the University. The cameras are meant to help protect the officers from false accusations.

If a citizen accuses an officer of abuse, officials can go back and review the tapes. Morris said the cameras will also help citizens from abusive behavior by police who will be less likely to abuse anyone because of the risk of being caught on tape. He said the cameras will benefit the University because the new system will encourage officers to act more professionally.

Morris also said the cameras are small, measuring about 2 square inches, and are placed next to the



said. H Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce house a New video cameras were placed inside NSU police cars to help protect officers year, th

lock box on the interior roof of the car so no one can tamper with it. Morris said the police officer can turn on the camera manually, or the camera will turn on automatically when the overhead light comes on. The cameras have been in all four campus police cars for about three

and civilians from misconduct.

Morris said the Gulf States rear view mirror. The tape is in a Regional Community Policing

using Pr Institute has trained campus police officers to use the cameras, which istration were purchased with money from need bas the state, NSU police Chief Rick public su Williams said. The money for the training was provided by a gran will not from the Department of Justice.

"Northwestern State University ters of has an excellent police department and this in- car camera use can only make it better," Morris said.

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residence James Smith Jr. serves dinner to his parents who had to evacuate their home due to Hurricane Ivan. Smith is one of many students living off campus who is providing a place to stay for family until Ivan passes.

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open, said Leigh Perkins, a spokesman for the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Department office of emergency preparedness. He said that people generally choose to go to hotels before relying on shelters.

The city already has three sites designated as shelters and other smaller ones if an influx of people come to Natchitoches. The three shelters are the Health and Human Performance Building on-campus, the First Methodist Church and the West Side Baptist Church, Perkins said. He said these shelters could house a few thousand people. This year, the Natchitoches Police Department and the Red Cross are using Prather Coliseum as the registration center for the shelters.

Shelters are opened on an asneed basis, said Michelle Davison, public support director for the Red Cross. The shelters in Natchitoches will not be opened until the shelters of places farther south are filled up first, she said.

To make sure that the evacuees' personal needs are met, the local area branch of the Red Cross provides food and shelter, Davison said. The Red Cross likes to use college campuses for shelters because many on-campus facilities already have accommodations to house and feed large numbers of people, she said. The Red Cross has already signed a contract with ARAMARK to help provide food for the evacuees. Sometimes, she said, local food service industries like to donate food as well.

Despite the pressure placed on the city by emergencies like this, McCullen said Natchitoches citizens always meet the challenges. The city, he said, considers emergencies "as a chance to shine" when community members come together to help those in need.

"Anytime there is a need, the people of Natchitoches are good about responding and assisting," McCullen said.

University President Randall

Webb echoed a similar sentiment

"We as a community need to really reach out and be compassionate to these people," Webb said. "They will be contributing economically to our community, although involuntarily. We need to treat them well."

Amber Istre, Rodney Clements, Elizabeth Bolt, Skye Broussard, and Chris Reich contributed to this report.

#### **Grand Opening**

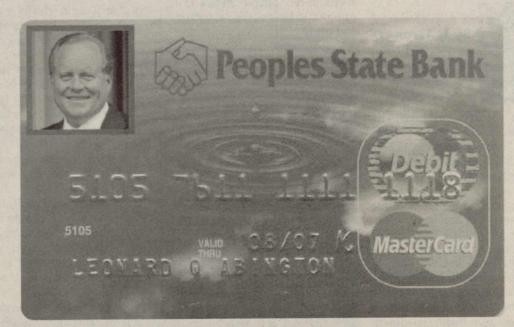
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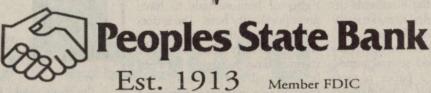
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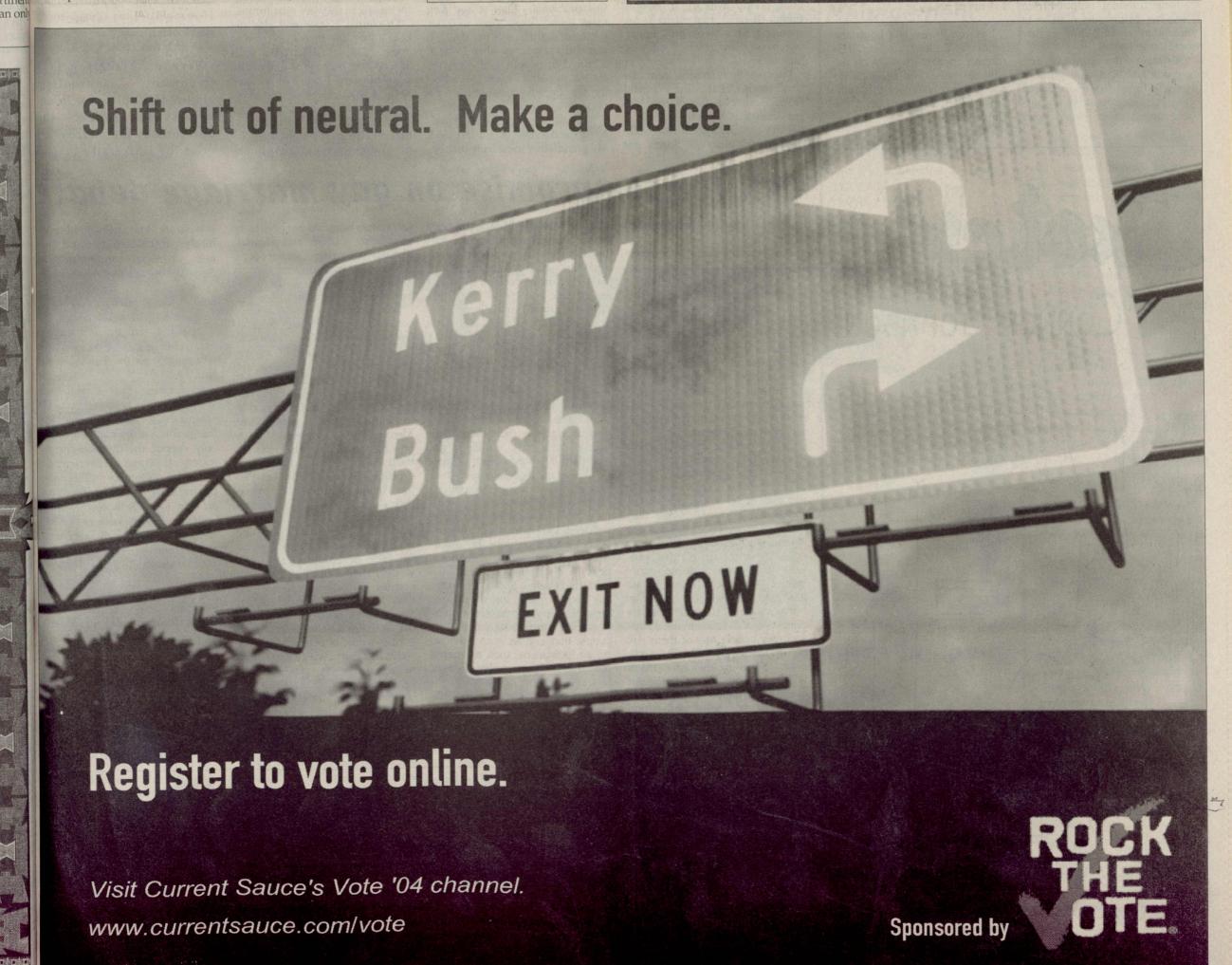
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#### The touch-screen vote



Those who know me know I'm no technophobe; I've had my internet connection since 1994, when the first graphical web browser came out, and my e-mail address is a single character at a four-character domain. I think programmers, by and large, do an amazing job putting together 10 billion lines of OS code, and I trust my files to stay where they are unless something goes catastrophically wrong with my computer. Unless, of course, someone catastrophically inept sits down with it for a while. This is why I do not and never will trust computerized voting.

Several states are considering switching to computerized votes in the wake of last election's Florida debacle, and others have already started prepping the digital booths for use. A switch of, say, one in five of the votes entered is not only feasible in such machines, it's technically very easy, not to mention being undetectable without a deliberate search through the thousands of lines of code needed to make such a machine operate. In the face of widespread skepticism, lawmakers have proposed several remedies, including a paper receipt system that prints a permanent copy for the vote-counters to keep and a copy for the voter himself to keep to back up the digital record. Of course, an alteration causing different outputs from these two printers in addition to the digital record is only slightly more complicated.

A simple voter receipt system, too, is a band-aid on a gunshot wound. In the face of an altered vote, such receipts serve no purpose unless every single voter University.

keeps his receipt and can tender it By J. Aaron "Q" and comparison. The simple fact is that it is a much, much easier job to change a one to a zero in a computer than it is to change a hole in a card, a mark on a slip of paper, or any of the other more substantial methods used to record votes. Having gone through the complex and often tedious process of securing my own computer against intrusion, I know how smart a hacker can be when he writes a hostile program, and something as important as a federal election should not even

be placed at risk of such an attack. A couple of people suggested to me that I should write this week's column on the forthcoming vote on Louisiana's gay marriage amendment. For those who don't know, that vote is Saturday and it would ratify an amendment to the state constitution defining marriage as between a single male and a single female. I encourage all of you to vote on this as a matter of principle, but the fact of the matter is that the amendment will go through and gay marriage will be illegal in Louisiana until it is federally recognized and protected. The people of this state may surprise me, but I expect a law restricting the rights of homosexuals to have great popularity here. The unfortunate side of this law is that it will technically dissolve some common law marriages between heterosexual couples that were married in a manner inconsistent with the law.

I've got a policy of responding to all e-mail sent to me at saucefiller@hotmail.com, whether you like me or not.

J. Aaron Brown is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His column appears weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the



By Lora Sheppard **Opinions Editor** 

This semester, you will see plenty of articles on who to vote for and why. Vote for this person because of this, vote for that person because of that; eventually everyone is going to get so tired of hearing it, they'll vote for Ralph Nader, and then where will we be?

No offense to those who will vote for Nader. I'm just being sar-

Anyway, to get back to the point, much of the talk you will hear especially for of-age college students - is to vote. I can't stress how IMPORTANT it is to vote in the 18-24 age bracket. We so rarely get a voice during elections, because many aren't registered at all, and some see it as a hassle, or not worth their time.

When I registered to vote at age 18 (two years ago), I did it because it is one of my rights as an American. We have a right to choose. When we vote in presidential elections, the popular votes can sway

the Electoral College into voting who most of us voted for. I was going to mark my political party as Independent, but my dad changed my party to Republican. While I am mostly conservative, I do have liberal views on some subjects, which is why I usually stay out of especially if you are a polls virgin.

ground usually get roasted during debates. However, I will gauge the campaigns and all that has gone on, and I will vote based on who I believe should be our president.

Until November, you will constantly be told who to vote for, debates. People in the middle So, I will give you a piece of advice.

Look at the campaigns, ads, debates and choose who you believe will be best for the job. Don't let your parents, your friends or anyone else decide for you or tell you who you have to vote for. It's just you and the buttons in the booth. (Deep breath. It's not as scary as it seems to be.) See everything, make a decision based on what you believe. VOTE. So if someone you didn't want is elected, you have a right to complain. At least if you vote, you took an action and did something instead of letting others vote for you.

Let others debate and talk - heck, join in the debates yourself if you are inclined. But don't let people make such an important decision for you. It's your vote so cast it and be proud that you did what you believed was right. We shape the future, and in 40 years, one of us may be on the ballot. Without a voice, we can't preserve our rights or change faulty laws. So get out on November 2, vote and use your

**Guest Columns** 

### Freshman life is like an uphill bike ride



By Savanna

I'm three weeks into college life, and so far, it has been less than spectacular. I really had high expectations about meeting new people and experiencing the joys of living on my own. So far, the only things I have experienced are spending \$4 a week on laundry, purchasing my own food and

I drove three hours from the small town of Lacassine to attend NSU. First of all, this place is bigger than my hometown. Still, I haven't actually gotten lost walk-

turned around in Kyser Hall and it of that because he sent me a 50 took me a while to realize it has four floors.

I have made an impression on some people, though. I apparently sat in a desk that wasn't screwed into the floor in my physics class, and when I reached over to pick up my neighbor's dropped pencil, I hit the floor with my book, notebook and calculator. At least we were learning about gravity.

My cell phone has also caused a few problems. One of my ring tones sounds like a siren so it has some similarities to a fire drill. It went off a few times when I was in a crowd of people, and everyone started to panic. I felt like a firefighter because answering my phone was like putting out a fire.

With all of my problems, I definitely need a stash of comfort food. pound box of nonperishable food items. My closet is stocked for the

Seriously, I have 15 cans of ravioli, five cans of Campbell's soup, 30 Kudos bars, 30 packs of Ramen noodles, 24 miniature boxes of cereal, 20 pouches of grape Kool-Aid and the list could continue. Plus, I have the largest meal plan available. I only weigh 112 pounds now, but I could see that number increasing in the very near future.

Of course, I walk and ride my bike a lot more than I ever did at home. Riding a bike takes skills around here because of all the hills. Unfortunately, I don't have those skills. I want to let everyone know to watch out for a brunette on a green bicycle. The breaks aren't that reliable so it's really hard for opinions of the Sauce staff ing around campus. I just got My grandfather must have thought me to stop when I'm going down- or of the University.

hill. The other day I put my feet down on the sidewalk to avoid hitting someone, and my tennis shoes started smoking because I was still

I'll get used to my new surroundings at some point. I'm 18 years-old and have the awkwardness of a 13-year-old girl that can't apply lipstick. But by the time I'm 22, I'll have the sophistication of a 17-year-old. Then, things might Collegrange of tionship time m start looking up.

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Savanna Mahaffey is a journalism tions freshman major. Her opinions do not Boone, necessarily reflect the Career

#### Call for compromise on gay marriage debate

This Saturday Louisiana's majority heterosexual Christian population will go to the polls and decide whether or not to restrict the rights of its homosexual minority. The proposed amendment to the Louisiana State Constitution would explicitly ban homosexual marriages and civil unions. Under the banner of preserving the sacredness of marriage, this amendment has garnered enormous support and in all likelihood will pass by a large margin.

As our society rushes towards this seemingly unavoidable outcome, I ask the proponents of this bill to seriously consider what will really change. Will homosexuals suddenly disappear? Will they decrease in number or be less open about their lifestyle? Will the gay or lesbian couple living three houses down from you suddenly believe that their relationship has less merit? These outcomes are ridiculous, and I hope that the proponents of this amendment do not seriously believe any of them will occur. Rather, the only likely outcome of passing this amendment will be to more deeply divide our already torn nation. Homosexuality is a social, moral, and ethical question, not a legal one. By passing a law condemning one side of the argument, the other side does

By Justin Shatwell not prove itself right. The minority is not converted, it is only outlawed. The only possible result of such a situation is resentment and pain. We must abandon this reckless course and try to find some common ground so that heterosexuals and homosexuals can live together in peace. In this spirit, I propose a compromise that I believe both sides can accept.

Proponents of this amendment usually argue that it is necessary because homosexual marriage undermines the sacredness of the institution. On the other hand, homosexuals most usually argue against this amendment by claiming it is an infringement upon their civil rights. It seems apparent to me that the two sides of this argument are arguing about two different definitions of marriage. It is my belief that if we remove this confusion, the controversy will disap-

In the United States, marriage has both a social and a religious meaning. In the legal sense, marriage is a contract signed by two people that entitles each other to certain privileges, such as shared property and being viewed as a family member in instances of medical emergencies. In the religious sense, marriage has varying definitions from faith to faith. The common thread between most Christian definitions is that it is a

shared by a man and woman. These two marriages are very separate entities, and I am afraid we are allowing our feelings for one affect how we act towards the other.

To remove this confusion between the secular and religious realms, I suggest that we pass an amendment that bans all recognition of marriage by the state, and imposes equal civil unions to both gay and straight couples. This way 'marriage" is left to be defined by individual faith communities. Members of religions could agree on what their fellowship views as a valid marriage and exercise there practices amongst themselves. People would be married in the eyes of their church and their God, and the government would not have any say in the matter. Making the sanctity of marriage a personal matter for faith communities to decide would better protect the institution because such an arrangement would render it immune to tampering from legislation or court decisions. At the same time, homosexuals would be extended the civil rights associated with a legal union in a way that is unquestionably egalitarian. As all legally bound couples, gay or straight, would be defined as civil unions by the state, homosexual couples would not have to worry about separate not being equal. Whether or not homo-

sacrament intended by god to be sexuals are "married" would be up for the particular couples and their faith or social communities to decide. I believe that this compromise addresses the concerns of both sides. Under its tenants all people are equal under the law and the sanctity of marriage is assured by removing it from politics and returning it to the hands of the

As for the coming election, I would urge everyone to vote against this amendment. It is clear that it will not solve anything and only deepen the divisions in our society. It is time we resurrect the lost art of diplomacy in this country and have an honest discussion on this topic with leaders from both sides. If we wish to live in a stronger and more pleasant community, we must stop trying to alienate one another and strike a compromise. We must stop the bigotry and name calling on both sides and sit down and talk like adults. Please, let this be the beginning of an honest debate. I have offered my opinion, who's next?

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NSU freshmen Alexis Mahoney, Alliona Marshall, and Dennetria Willis study outside the Friedman Student Union Wednesday. All three agreed that college studies are stressful

#### de Stress Factor: NSU oid hitstudents feel the pressure kward-

Sauce Reporter

Stress. It can affect your life,

s might your health and your academics. range of problems, including relaing you to throw on your brakes." tionships, money management, the Career Services.

Kristen Cholley, a freshman biology and English major said,

Todd Kirk, freshman computer information systems major, said that tests and papers stress him

Emily Basco, sophomore nursing

By Kelli Miller major said: "Parking is a major center also counsels students about source of my stress. I drive around to find a parking spot and get annoyed at students who do not even use the crosswalks. They just College students stress over a walk out right in front of you caus-

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Boone said the center had many "The major thing I stress about is ways to help students deal with

> "We offer relaxation techniques and teach time management and money management skills," she

She also said that the counseling p.m.

the importance of good nutrition and sufficient sleep, which can also lessen the effects of stress. For example, the night before exams she advises students to get plenty

A brochure by Pamela Wild, what stresses you, making a plan, taking care of your body, taking care of your feelings and asking for

To get help or just to talk, visit Career and Counseling Services in Room 305 in the Student Union or call 357-5621. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30

#### Top Ten Strategies for Wildly Effective Stress Management

· Organize yourself.

· Control your environment by controlling who and what is surrounding you.

· Love yourself by giving yourself positive feedback.

 Reward yourself by planning leisure activities into your

 Exercise your body since your health and productivity depend upon your body's

ability to bring oxygen and food to its cells.

 Relax yourself by taking your mind off your stress and concentrating on breathing and positive thoughts.

Rest yourself as regularly as

· Be aware of yourself. · Feed yourself. Do not poison

your body.

Enjoy yourself.

Source: Counseling and Psychological Services at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, http://caps.unc.edu/MStress.html



#### Cellular phones become Can you hear me now? a college staple

By Theresa Huffman

With the fall semester well under way, students are using their backto-school purchases: notebooks, textbooks, pens and cell phones.

Though some students use cell phones only in emergencies, more People are using them as their sole means of communication.

Matt Clair, a senior criminal justice major, said his cell phone is his Only phone. When he moved to Natchitoches from Pineville, he said he did not need a landline tele- he also has a landline for local calls.

for his Internet connection and all of his roommates have cell phones. Clair said he mainly uses his cell phone to keep in touch with family and friends and finds "no need to pay extra for a landline and minutes are cheaper."

Heath Morris, senior public relations major, is a Cingular customer. Morris said he prefers Cingular because of its better coverage area and customer service. Morris' cell phone is mainly for long-distance calling and speed-dial calling, but

phone since he has a cable modem Morris works for his dad's company, and his cell phone is also used to keep in touch with the business. "It's always with me," he said.

Tiffany Griffith, senior criminal justice major, said her cell phone is not her primary phone. Griffith said she uses her home phone as a primary line, but believes her cell phone makes more financial sense. She mainly uses her cell phone to keep in touch with family, such as her parents and her husband. Griffith said she and her family like the mobile-to-mobile feature, which allows customers within the same company to talk for free.

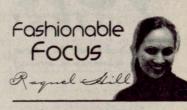
"I can talk to my parents and other family around Louisiana," Griffith said. "I definitely need my cell phone!"

Mark Wethington, senior broadcast major, said his cell phone is his only phone, and Cingular has the best range and more options than other cell phone companies.

Every cell phone is ridiculously expensive, so you have to pick the one that has the best options," Wethington said. "They have free nights and weekends, unlimited voice mail and the best coverage

Wethington said Cingular's downloadable ring tones are "cool, because everyone has their own ring tone." Wethington said he uses other features on his cell phone, like the calendar to remind him of when assignments are due. He said he thinks pagers are less popular than cell phones.

Pagers have become scarce because with a pager you still need a phone to reply," Wethington said.



#### Home Remedies

College students away from home start to miss a few things: mom's home-cooked meals, dad helping us with our homework and being treated like royalty when we're sick. Now that we're at school, we can't run home or to the doctor for the smallest of problems. However, these small problems can affect you (and the folks around you) in a really big way!

Of course, the easy way to relieve a cramp or to mask the odor of your stinky feet is to take a trip up to a drugstore and pick up something. But then I wouldn't have a column this week! So give these tried and true concoctions a go, and you will probably feel a lot better while having a lot of fun!

Problem: bad breath

What you'll need: salt, water, licorice sticks or fresh parsley

How to make it: After each meal, sprinkle 1-2 tsp. salt into a glass of water and swish it in your mouth for 20 seconds; then spit. Repeat this 3 times.

Why does it work? Bacteria thrive on food stuck in your mouth, and this can cause extremely bad breath. The salt rinse helps to remove those bits of food.

BONUS: Chew on the licorice after eating

Why does this help? These herbs can sweeten breath and mask the bad smell.

Problem: a hickey

What you'll need: a frozen spoon and pure aloe Vera gel

How to make it: coat the hickey with the ale and then rub it in with the back of the spoon (keep one in the freezer!) for 10 minutes daily to speed the fad-

Why does it work? A hickey is basically a bruise. Ice constricts blood vessels, so there's less bleeding under the skin and the aloe can reduce inflamma-

Problem: foot odor (aka Stinky Feet)

What you'll need: grapefruit, water and dried sage

How to make it: Make a foot bath by adding 1 tbs. grapefruit juice to 1 qt. water; boil 10 minutes. Add cold water until it's a comfortable temperature; soak feet for 20 minutes and then pat dry. If odor persists, repeat daily until it's gone.

Why does it work? Bacteria on the skin cause foot odor, and grapefruit juice is an antibacterial agent. If you kill the bacteria you'll, stop the odor!

BONUS: Sprinkle the inside of your shoes with dried sage.

Why does this help? Sage is really potent, fresh smelling and a great cover-up.

Problem: gas or bloat-

What you'll need: peppermint oil and water

How to make it: Put a couple of drops of peppermint oil in an 8-ounce glass of water and drink. If discomfort persists, have one more glass.

Why does it work? Most painful gas occurs when stubborn bacteria in our intestine don't easily digest, resulting in spasms. The menthol in peppermint oil helps ease the spasms, controlling your discomfort.

Problem: menstrual cramps

What you'll need: about 1 tbs. dried raspberry leaves, decaffeinated tea bag (caffeine

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#### REMEDIES

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will cramp you up even more)

How to make it: Steep raspberry leaves and tea bag in boiling water. After it has cooled a bit, drink it up.

Why does it work? The heat relaxes the uterus and can prevent pain-causing contractions. Raspberry leaves have been used for many years to alleviate menstrual cramps, though a lot doctors aren't sure why the plant is so soothing.

#### Problem: swollen, puffy eyes from crying (or a hard night of partying)

What you'll need: 2 frozen spoons, a cucumber, and aloe Vera gel

How to make it: pat a quarter size dollop of aloe around your eyes, avoiding eye contact. Place 1 spoon on each eye for 10 minutes and then once the spoons have lost their "cooling power" place once slice of cumber on each eye until the puffiness goes away.

Why does it work? Aloe Vera is a natural soothing gel that relieves everything from hemorrhoids to sunburns. The frozen spoons relieve puffiness immediately while the cucumbers contain enzymes that allow your skin to retain its normal resilience and beauty.

If you have questions or comments concerning anything in fashion, email me at SaucyFashion@aol.com.

#### Art-smart faculty members show off their skills

Eight acclaimed NSU faculty members currently have art on display in Orville J. Hanchey Art Gallery. The exhibit will close Sept. 24.

By Victoria Teola Smith Sauce Reporter

The fall 2004 Faculty Art Exhibition has attracted the attention of NSU students and members of surrounding communities.

Eight acclaimed NSU faculty members currently have art on display in Orville J. Hanchey Art Gallery. The show, which is free to students, runs through Sept. 24 and contains art of several mediums, from watercolor paintings to welded steel sculptures.

Roberta Walters, assistant professor of art history and director of Hanchey Art Gallery, said she encourages all students to come see the shows in the galleries.

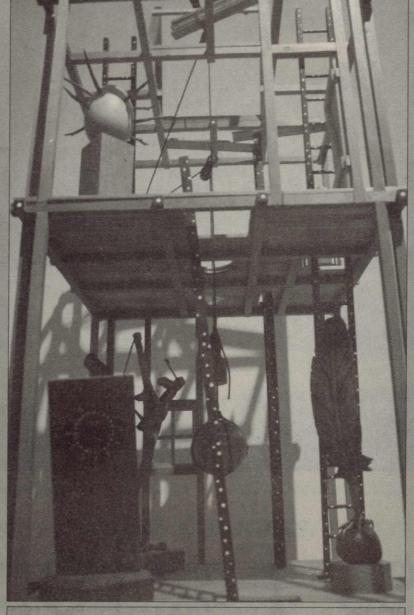
"Generally, I like to have them in the fall because new students coming into the department and to the school can see what we're offering in the department here," Walters said.

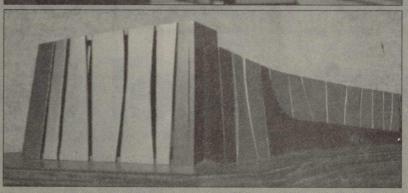
Walters said she believes "the show really is a tribute to the quality of the faculty and artists that we have here.

Senior Ansonia Means always takes the time to view the art in Hanchey Art Gallery.

"There's always something to see, and the works here will always be a sight to see," Means said. "I just think that it's wonderful how people that are associated with Northwestern are gifted and allow their works to be displayed on campus."

The next art exhibition will feature the works of New Orleans artist Adrian Deckbar. Deckbar will speak Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Deckbar's exhibition, "Caught in Time," will run Sept. 27 - Nov. 5 and will feature various paintings and digitally mastered prints. The show can be viewed weekdays from 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.





Photos special to the Current Sauce Pictured above are two pieces on display at Faculty Art Exhibition

#### Dazzlers win big at regional competition

By April Dickson Sauce Reporter

NSU's Demon Dazzlers dazzled the competition at a Universal Dance Association summer workshop this summer.

The team of 12 traveled to Georgia for camp competitions that serve as a precursor to the national competition.

The women earned first place for home routine, a routine that the Dazzlers prepared before camp. The women placed second in the fight song competition. For this competition, every team presented the same dance, which has taught at the camp.

The Dazzlers also received the College Leadership Award, an award voted on by all of the participating universities.

NSU's dance team also earned a superior award from the dance association for their performance during the workshop.

Besides the group awards, each Dazzler earned two superior ribbons for the execution of dances learned in specialty classes. They learned routines in pom, hip-hop and jazz.

The Dazzlers' adviser, Abraham Anthony, said the team will use this workshop to prepare for the national competition. The Dazzlers will send a video-taped performance to the judges, who will then placed them in either the preliminary, semi-final or final round of the national competition.

The national competition is in January 2005 in Orlando, Fla.

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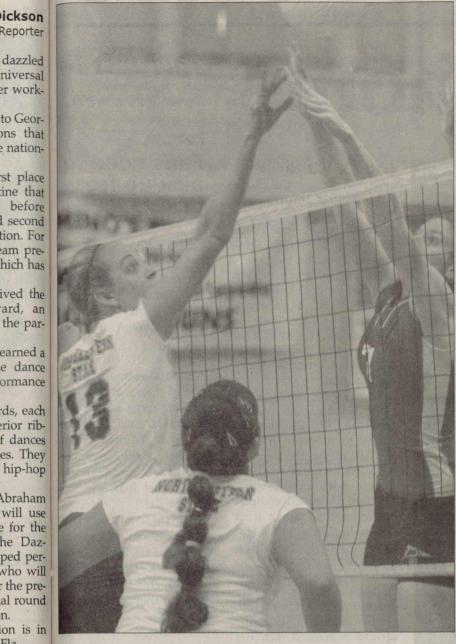
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• NSU vs. McNeese St.

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Northwestern State's Whitney King put her name in the NSU record book on Tuesday by knocking down a school record-tying 31 kills in a 3-1 win over Centenary in the nightcap of the Centenary Tri-Match. The Lady Demons lost to TCU in the opener by a 3-0 count.

King, a true freshman out of Beaumont (Tx.) Ozen High School, awed the Ladies by becoming just the third player in NSU history to record 30 or more kills in a match. She hit .393 for the match with just seven errors on 61 attempts. She also had eight digs.

"She's just an amazing player," said NSU assistant coach Greg Brown. "She hit the ball so hard and so well, it's almost uncanny how she does it."

The Lady Demons (4-5) won by scores of 33-31, 26-30, 30-22 and 30-26. Prior to the Centenary game, the Lady Demons fell 30-20, 30-11 and 30-23 to TCU (5-2). In that match, King led the team with 10 kills while Ashley Hadley had 14 digs.

"We had a rough one against TCU," said Brown. "We just didn't hit the ball well and made too many errors. They are a good team, though. We did a good job of bouncing back and played really well against Centenary.'

Shannon Puder added 12 kills and five digs against the Ladies while Janel Fisher knocked down 11 kills and led the team with a .474 hitting percentage. Flavia Belo recorded a double-double with 33 assists and 14 digs.



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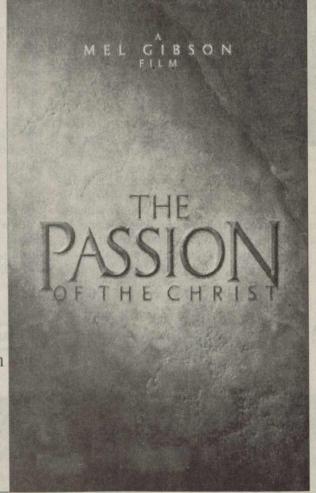
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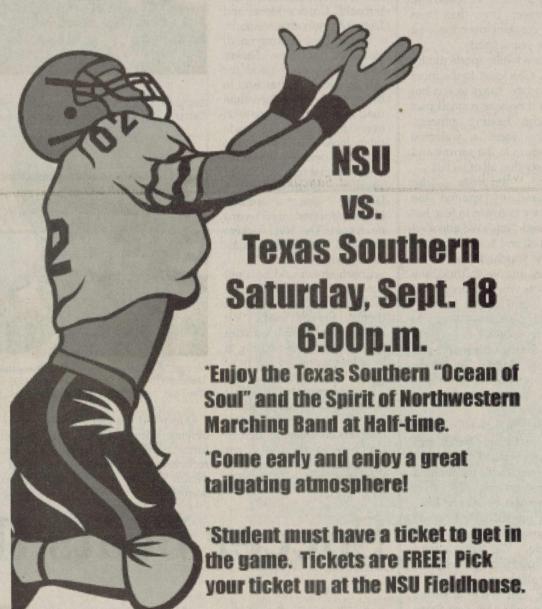
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Mike **McCorkle** The Way I See It

#### Sports & Sept. 11

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The simple things in life, including sports, have softened the many painful changes that occurred over the past three years.

The tragedy of Sept. 11 occurred three years and five days ago today. From now on the term "9-11" will never be forgotten or mean anything else.

When the Twin Towers fell and the Pentagon was hit, the country changed instantaneously, and we as a nation have seen many

The country has learned about Afghanistan, Al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden. We have seen the war on terror, an ongoing struggle in Iraq and lives lost in the defense of our country.

We have also seen national unity and divisiveness. However, there has been one constant over the past three years: sports.

For a while, sports rightly took a backseat to the more important things in life, but then it became a small part of the healing process. Sports were a welcome diversion to the sorrow and anxiety that all of us felt.

The terrorists who attacked us wanted the country to cower in fear, but we said "no." We attended football and baseball games.

We watched the World Series in New York, the Patriots win the Super Bowl and our Demons kept on fighting.

Our football team still runs through the tunnel and purple smoke at every home game. We still fire a cannon every time we score

a touchdown. The Spirit of Northwestern marching band still makes us proud. NSU's various teams have fought hard against schools like Duke, Arkansas, Georgia and LSU.

We are still able to enjoy the annual battle for Chief Caddo. We still attend homecoming games and pep rallies.

We still have a strong rivalry with McNeese. Some of us even "boogie on the bricks." Most importantly, we still have the freedom to enjoy all of these wonderful things.

Were sports the magical cure that solved all our problems? Of course not. In the grand scheme of life many things have higher precedence.

However, sports certainly helped some of us. Sports helped me keep a sense of normalcy in my life. For others it may have been painting, reading, exercising or countless other activities.

The popularity of sports around the country makes it understandable why it helped so many people.

The healing continues even now. The fact that we still attend sporting events and watch the Super Bowl on television is a testament to our collective will as a nation.

We did not let the terrorists win, and we will continue to defy them by living our lives as normal as possi-

Playing and watching sports, in particular the Demons this weekend, is one way we can do this. Play ball.

# Demons bring it home

By Patrick West Sports Editor

The NSU Demons look to survive another Tiger attack this week at Turpin Stadium as the Demons hope to tame the Texas Southern Tigers and record their second win of the season.

This is the first game at home for NSU, and the Demons hope to extend their 20-game home field regularwinning streak non-conference opponents.

NSU fended off a strong Tiger attack in the second quarter last week and won their first game of the season 28-20 against the Jackson State Tigers in Mississippi.

Demon head coach Scott Stoker said the most positive thing about last week's game was the fact that NSU won the football game.

For the second consecutive week NSU was hampered by erratic play, 12 penalties and inconsistencies on offense and defense.

Coach Stoker said the Demon offense has not gotten in a rhythm on offense, and he will play both quarterbacks, Connor Morel and Davon Vinson, this week.

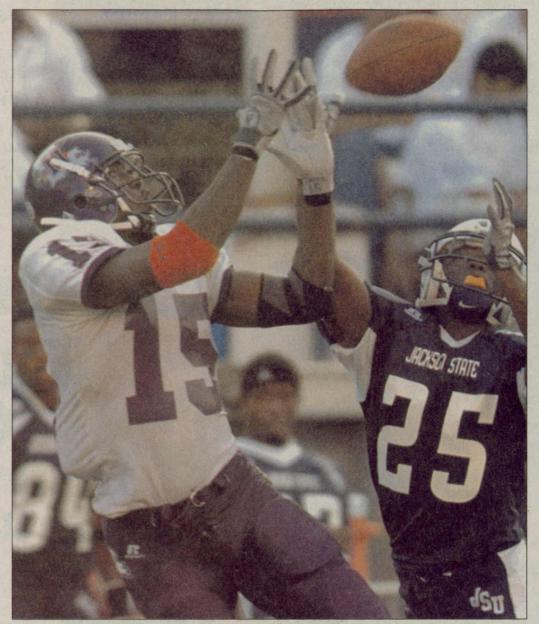
"We are not clicking on all cylinders right now," Stoker said. "We played good for one quarter and that was in the second, but other than that, we had mental busts on every other play. We made them look a lot better than what they were."

The special teams also had another blunder when Demon kicker Tommy Hebert missed a 31-yard field goal. The NSU kickers are now 0-3 for field goals

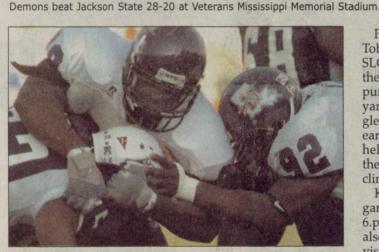
Coach Stoker said he is not concerned about the Tigers

"I am not worried about them," Stoker said. "We have enough problems with this team, but it is exciting to be at home, and we will have a great crowd this week.

A bright spot in the NSU against Jackson State game was the defense. Defensive linemen Ed Queen and Tory Collins sacked the Tiger quarterback on a key goal line stop that helped NSU win the game.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Sophomore wide receiver Josh Mosby tries to catch the ball over a Tiger defender. Mosby and the



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Defensive linemen Gary Wesley and (92) Ed Queen try to wrestle the Tiger running back to the ground last Saturday.

defense with13 tackles, one against the Tigers. Demon force fumble, one fumble cornerback David Pittman recovery and 2.5 quarterback sacks. Queen was named interceptions in his first Southland Conference Play-

Queen led the Demons on er of the Week for his play also chipped in with two game back from an injury.

Punt and kick returner Toby Zeigler was named SLC special teams player of the week. Zeigler had 176-all purpose yards, including 166 yards on seven kickoffs. Zeigler's 36-yard punt return early in the fourth quarter helped the Demons score their last touchdown, which clinched the game.

Kickoff for Saturday's game against the Tigers is 6.p.m. The home opener will also have a giant screen television with a sound system. The big screen TV will show highlights and local businesses throughout the game.

The home opener will also have a brand new tunnel for the Demons to run through. The tunnel is inflatable with the NSU logo and a "Fork'em" sign on the front.

Courtesy **Sports Information** 

Northwestern State needed a sack by Tory Collins and Ed Queen on the game's final play Saturday night to complete a goal line stand and snuff out a comeback bid from Jackson State as the Demons posted a 28-20 victory over the Tigers at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The Tigers (0-2) used three Brian Green passes, covering 13, 22 and 16 yards, to move to a firstand-10 at the Demons' 15 with just under a halfminute remaining, trailing by eight. A 6-yard completion on second down from Green to Chris Jones got Jackson State to the NSU 9 with five seconds left.

Heavy pressure from the Demons' Purple Swarm defense rushed Green into an incompletion, but one second remained. On the final play, Green never had a chance to look downfield as Collins and Queen smothered him for an 11yard loss.

Northwestern (1-1), ending a five-game losing skid dating back to last season, never trailed, scoring on the game's opening series when Shelton Sampson collected the first of his three rushing touchdowns.

The Demons had the game seemingly under control at halftime, leading 21-6, but the Tigers roared to life while NSU faltered in the third period as Jackson State posted a pair of TDs to get within 21-20.

The Demons were outgained 282-273. After running for 240 yards last year in a 23-7 win over the Tigers, the Demons netted just 115 yards on the ground, but quarterbacks Davon Vinson and Connor Morel combined for 158 yards passing, including plays of 43, 35 and 34 yards.

It's a win, and we'; ll take it any way it comes," said Demons' coach Scott Stoker. "We didn't make it pretty but we did compete hard."

#### This Just In Courtesy

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**FOOTBALL** 

#### Fans need to pick up free tickets

Northwestern State stu-

dents have until Friday at 4 to pick up free tickets for the Demons' home football game Saturday evening at 6 in Turpin Stadium. Previously, university students were admitted

free of charge at the stadium with presentation of a current ID card. Now, students are required to have a ticket for the home football games, said NSU athletic ticket manager Josh Jorgensen.

The student ticket is free a.r with presentation of a current NSU ID. Students can int stop by the ticket office in cor the athletic fieldhouse to Jul pick up their football sea- a.t son tickets.

Students still are but required to show their ID ap at the east side Turpin Sta- att dium gate, along with pre- Pol senting the game ticket.

Students are limited to att one ticket per person. Stu- wit dent tickets must be ma picked up by Friday at 4 inc p.m. at the ticket office.

The Demons play host G to Texas Southern at 6 Sat- and urday evening. The game is the first of four straight sar home contests for the NSU football team over the next five Saturdays, with an open date on Oct. 9.

For more information also about tickets, please contact the NSU Ticket Office tion at (318)357-4268 or visit La www.nsudemons.com on me the internet.

#### **Umbrellas** prohibited at **Turpin**

Adopting a wide-spread in policy throughout Division I football, fans attending Northwestern tion State home football games will no longer be allowed Chr to use umbrellas inside Sch Turpin Stadium, starting with Saturday night's 6 game o'clock home against Texas Southern.

In the event of rainy weather, fans should use ponchos or other rain tati apparel, said NSU associ- sion ate athletic director Donnie Cox, game manager of for Demon football home Sai

"Umbrellas really cause problems for people sitting behind those fans A who are using umbrellas. They block the view of the Cha field and they can also easily poke another fan in 458 the face or even the eyes, and those are the main reasons that we've reached what we believe is a common-sense decision to change our policy," Re he said. "Ponchos are very GI inexpensive and easy to carry. We hope it never rem rains at Turpin Stadium, Mex but if it does, ponchos are sto a more considerate option for everyone." Among the other items Sar

prohibited at Northwest ern home games in Turpin Stadium: whistles, air horns, pets, coolers, back packs, outside food and drink, alcohol and tobac co. Large purses and bags are subject to search at the stadium gates.

# Soccer beats the Lady Techsters

**Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

Sophomore midfielder Julie Zavala scored two second-half goals Tuesday afternoon as Northwestern State dominated Louisiana Tech 5-0 in women's college soccer, spoiling the Lady Techsters' first-ever home game in their initial season in the sport.

The Demons (2-5) outshot their hosts (0-3) by 39-1. NSU, which has one-goal losses to Rice, UTEP and in overtime to Centenary along with defeats at the hands of Ole Miss and Mississippi State, continues a challenging early-season schedule Friday with a visit to Oklahoma State.

Northwestern broke on top 33 seconds into the game as Stephanie Miller netted a header off a corner kick by Natalie Waguespack, but it took the visitors nearly the rest of the half to double the lead on an unassisted Tara Powasnik goal 41 seconds before the end of the period.

Zavala scored nearly five minutes into the second half off a Kaitlin Bowman assist. Marliese Latiolais lifted the Demons up 4-0 at the 76:29 mark with an unassisted goal and Zavala wrapped up the

Courtesy scoring in the 85th minute, taking a pass from Erin Hebert and netting the ball.

In goal, Northwestern coach Jimmy Mitchell split the duties between freshmen Johnna Klohoker and Krystle Donaldson, with each playing a half. Klohoker handled the Techsters' only shot of the game in the first half, getting

Louisiana Tech goalkeeper Jade Berbert went the distance and recorded 10 saves. The Techsters have yet to score a goal in their first sea-

NSU 1, Centenary 2 Courtesy **Sports Information** 

Northwestern State's Johnna Klohoker, the reigning Southland Conference Goalkeeper of the Week, recorded three saves against the Centenary Ladies but could not hold off the overtime gamewinning goal by forward Tara Sageser as Centenary downed the Demons 2-1 in an extra frame.

The Demons started slow, allowing the Ladies' to score in the 20th minute of the first period. The goal came from Sageser who had an open opportunity from 10-feet

directly out the box. "The first period was frus-



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service

Sophomore midfielder Mya Walsh tries to outrun two Centenary defenders Friday night. The Demons tried to run away from Centenary, but fell short 2-1 in overtime.

trating. We had a better portion then Centenary (4-0) and we just let the chance for success slip away," head coach

Jimmy Mitchell said. The second period turned for the Demons (1-5) when midfielder Julie Zavala took advantage of a clean shot from the left side of the field at the 53rd minute and from15ft away, beating goalkeeper Lindsay Stafford to tie the game at 1-1.

"We dominated the play of the ball. Towards the end we just couldn't seal the game," said Mitchell.

With regulation ending, both teams prepared for an overtime brawl, the second one for the Ladies' in a matter of days.

The game-winning goal McNeese.

came at the 101st minute when Sageser outwitted the defenders and hit 10-feet from the left.

"We need to find ways to score," said Mitchell. "The biggest opponent we have

are ourselves." The next home game will be October 1st at 7 p.m. when the Demons take on rival

#### Demons vs. **Mountaineers**

NSU to battle Appalachian State Saturday at Turpin.

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#### Sauce on the Side

#### Career Day in Prather Tuesday

Counseling and Career Services will host the Fall Career Day on Tuesday in Prather Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Career Day is targeted toward juniors looking for ents can internships and seniors looking for jobs. Seniors should office in come to the coliseum between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. ouse to Juniors and others interested should attend from 11 pall sea- a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives from state, regional and national are businesses will take resumes and give information and their ID applications to students. Some of the businesses attending are JC Penny, State Farm, the Louisiana State Police and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

Traci R. LaBom, a career counselor at NSU, said nited to attending the fair is a good way for students to network on. Stu- with businesses. Her recommendations for students to ust be make a good impression with potential employers lay at 4 include dressing in business attire, having copies of a resume to distribute and researching the companies.

ay host Guidelines for dress can be found in the Counseling at 6 Sat- and Career Services department in the Student Union.

ne game LaBom said transcripts and portfolios are not necesstraight sary, but could help.

> "It's always better to have it than to say 'Oh, I wish I had that," LaBom said.

The companies represented at NSU's Career Day will rmation also travel to other universities throughout Louisiana ase con- and surrounding states, which broadens the competition for internships and jobs.

or visit LaBom said that employers don't hire people without com on meeting them first.

> 'It's all about exposure," LaBom said. "You want employers out there to know that you exist."

**EmmaLee Jordan** 

#### **Book of Job discussion Monday**

The Louisiana Scholars' College will present a panel discussion on the Book of Job on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in room 227 of Morrison Hall.

Panelists will be Rabbi Arnold Task of the Congregawestern tion Gemiluth Chassodim in Alexandria, Sister Marilyn Vassallo, a canon lawyer with the Diocese of Shreve-Port, and Rev. Kathy Muder of the First Presbyterian Church in Natchitoches. Jeff Hiseley, a freshman in the s inside Scholars' College, will serve as moderator.

The panel discussion is part of the Scholars' College freshmen level Texts and Traditions I course that deals game with Greek, Hebrew, and Roman culture in the classical

> Each panelist will briefly present his or her interpretation of the Book of Job. A question and answer ses-

"We have done panel discussions of this great book manager of world literature every fall for the past several years," all home said Dr. Fraser Snowden, professor of philosophy in the College. "Students really enjoy hearing alternative interpretations of Job and discussing the vexing probem of apparently unmerited suffering in the world.'

Admission is free and open to the public.

Rabbi Task's participation is sponsored by the Jewish ew of the Chautauqua Society of New York.

For further information, contact Snowden at 357-

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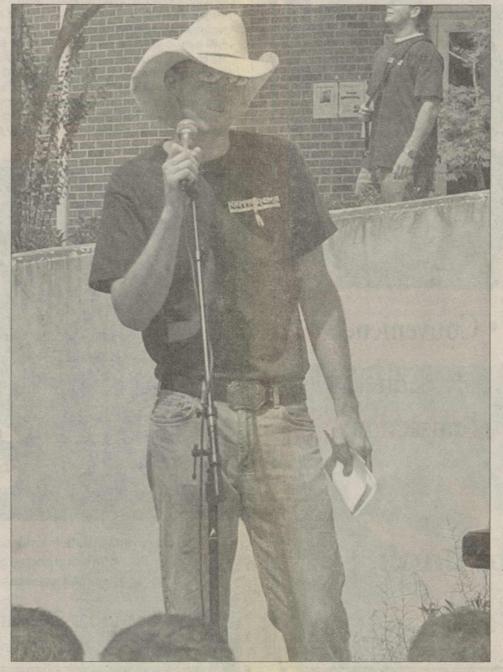
#### Remnants of Ivan rebuild over are very Gulf of Mexico

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that the it never remains of Hurricane Ivan moved back into the Gulf of Stadium, Mexico, and the storm redeveloped into a tropical nchos are storm

Wednesday, a tropical storm warning was issued from the mouth of the Mississippi River in Louisiana west to ner items Sargent, Texas.

orthwest The AP reported that Ivan could strengthen before landfall. Ivan is projected to make landfall somewhere near Galveston, Texas, tonight. ers, back

The Associated Press



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce NSU student Jacob Thomas sings to a crowd of NSU students outside the Student Union Wednes-

# Council to improve

## academic advising

News Editor

day during the Student Activities Board Band Extravaganza.

improve academic advising by creating a council to address special issues related

to advising. Anthony Scheffler, vice president of academic affairs, said NSU officials met with the academic consultant group Noel-Levitz last spring, who informed the University

that it must improve academic advising. He said Noel-Levitz told the University that student retention and graduate rates could increase through assessing and improving academic

Mary Edith Stacy, director of enrollment management, said Noel-Levitz suggested

that NSU form a council. 'We have to have an academic advising council, which was one of the first recommendations the field of academic advising," Stacy said. "In addressing the making of the council everything else falls into

Weaver, head of the university college, formed the Academic involved Advising Council to address advising.

By Kyle A. Carter the findings from Noel-Levitz. Scheffler said that under the

leadership of Reatha Cox, NSU has made plans to director of the office of student success and new student programs, and Stacy, the council will meet regularly.

"The intent is to better serve the students through better advising," Scheffler said.

Cox said one of the main objectives is for students to gain a full understanding of their field of study. She said the most important item on the agenda is expanding students' understanding of academic advising.

Cox said some students consider academic advising as just registering for classes, but through the Academic Advising Council, they hope students will learn more about the other facets of academic

"We want academic advising to be a process where the student and adviser have a Noel-Levitz relationship that will aid the made, to raise awareness in student in achieving his or her career, educational and personal goals," Cox said.

To address this issue, the Academic Advising Council has been divided into five Scheffler said he and Sue action committees. Each will address specific items with academic

Stacy said the first committee will study the University's mission philosophy and policies on academic advising.

She said the second group will develop plans to create and govern an Academic Advising Center. though only a proposal now, the center will serve as a onestop area where any student can go for advising, she said.

The third group, Stacy said, will take an in-depth look into the findings of Noel-Levitz. She said Noel-Levitz gave the University about 30 recommendations to improve academic advising, and the committee will study how to

implement them. The fourth group, Stacy said, will study how other universities and businesses handle advising. She said the group's duty is to assess how the University's style of academic advising compares with other institutions and to make suggestions on whether those methods will work for

Stacy said the fifth group will look at the council as a whole. It will assess the findings, work and policies made by the council and decide what is best for the University, she said.

# Fraternity students robbed

By Kyle A. Carter cial records for Theta Chi News Editor

Members of the NSU Theta Chi fraternity chapter were the victims of a break-in that resulted in the theft of their financial brief case and other personal items.

On Sept. 11 between midnight and 2 a.m., someone broke into the home of four members of the fraternity through the living room window.

Jonathan Barfield, one of the residents, said he and his roommates returned to their home on Bennett Loop Road later that morning to find the window of their living room

After an inspection of their home, the group discovered the results of the break- in.

"Whenever we got home, I saw that my lap-top was gone," Barfield said.

According to a report of the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's office, nearly \$5,000 of the fraternity brothers' personal items, along with the brief case containing finan-

were taken.

The list of missing items also included two laptop computers, a cable modem, a Playstation 2 game console, video games, DVD's, some clothes and money.

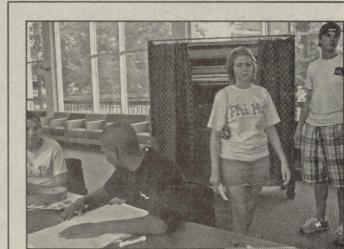
Barfield said the brief case contained Theta Chi's checkbook, financial information and personal checks from members of the fraternity. Nothing else in the house was disturbed, he said. "They did not go into the

other rooms," Barfield said. They just took everything in the living room. What was taken was enough for one or two people on foot."

Soon after realizing what happened, they called the police to investigate.

J.C. Townsend, sheriff's office detective investigating the case, said that no official arrests have taken place for the break-in.

He said the incident is still under investigation by the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

#### **Elections continue today**

Students participate in the SGA/Homecoming elections Wednesday. From left - Lacey Willetts, senior psychology major, Robert Silvie II, senior CIS major, Lindsie Brockner, freshman general studies major, and Brandon Bailey, sophomore nursing major.

Fall 2004 SGA/Homecoming ballot

**SGA Freshman Class** Senators

(Vote for Three) Nikki Booker

Ashley Love Smith Dolly Kay Temples Carli Tidwell

(Vote for One) Alan Bass Eric Dexter Chris Faist Jamaal Hill

Mr. NSU

Miss NSU (Vote for One) Abby Brocato Ashley Dunham Laura Terrell Sarah Vitale

SGA senate seats by acclamation: Sophomores:

These students won

Kie Boyett Rodney Clements Shantel Wempren

Carlos D. Hartwell LaToya Jones

Shawna Manning

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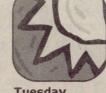


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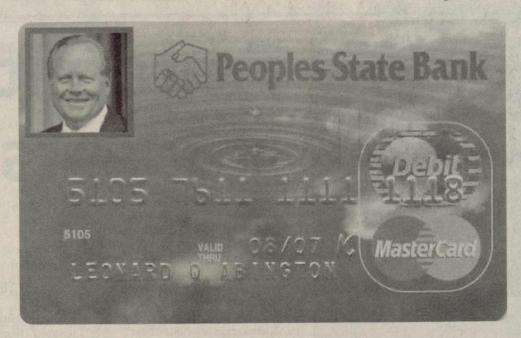
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#### **NSU Police Blotter**

9:15 p.m. A resident of married student housing called to report his wife

9-15-04 2:53 p.m.

A woman reported two suspicious men behind Kyser Hall at the loading zone. They were speaking rudely to a woman, but officers were unable to locate

1:37 a.m. A residence hall security worker from Rapides requested an ambulance for a student. The Natchitoches Parish Hospital sent an ambulance. The student was unresponsive and inebriated and statements were taken.

8:00 a.m.

A Honda was broken into behind the Health and PE Majors' Building. The glove box and moon roof were open, papers were scattered and the dash was ripped out.

11:15 p.m.

A woman reported that a couple with a teenage son was fighting at the tennis courts. She said they were shoving and hitting each other and an officer was dispatched to talk with them.

9:34 p.m. A call was made regarding possible drug use at Bossier, but nothing was found.

9-19-04

A call was received from an RA at Rapides regarding two females who walked into the dorm, continued down the halls and completely ignored the RA's orders to Hospital.

2:28 a.m.

Two officers shut down a party at the Kappa Sigma house where alcohol was present.

11:09 a.m. A dent was discovered on the passenger side of campus police

9-20-04

3:48 a.m.

A resident of Sabine reported someone knocking on her win-

10:31 a.m.

A maintenance worker reported stolen tools.

11:20 a.m.

A call was received about a medical situation on the second floor of the Friedman Student Union. An officer was en route with the nurse.

11:24 a.m.

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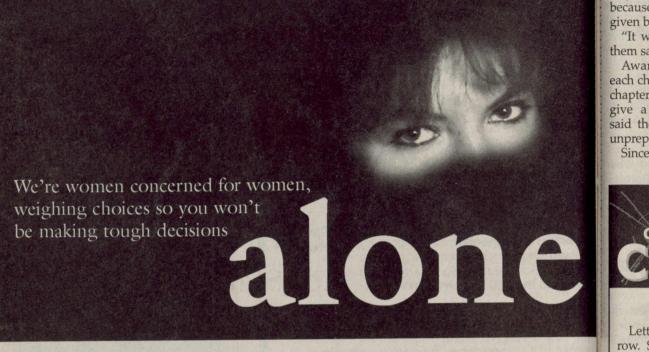
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#### NSU Blue Key one of four to win **Outstanding Chapter Award**

By Elizabeth Bolt Sauce Reporter

Four members of NSU's Blue Key Club attended the national convention for the first time, where they were one of four schools to receive the Outstanding Chapter

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Sixteen other schools were also represented at the June leadership workshop at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga.

"The best part about it was that we got to network with other chapters around the nation," said Candice Detillier, senior English major and Blue Key Club president.

She said they had the opportunity to meet Fred Bosarge, the first Blue Key member to be inducted at Northwestern in 1959.

"It was a real honor to go because it really was a big deal," said Brandon Cormier, junior up there and proved ourselves,' accounting major.

Detillier said the award was a major accomplishment for NSU because it is the highest award given by Blue Key.

"It was really awesome to hear them say 'NSU'," Detillier said.

Awards were given based on each chapter's presentation. NSU's chapter did not know they had to give a presentation, so Cormier said they were "shocked and felt unprepared" when they found out. Since they did not have Power"I think it'll have an overall positive effect when the word gets out that one of our clubs is the best in the nation."

> **Candice Detillier** Blue Key Club President

Point presentations like the other groups, the NSU students talked about their chapter's past activities and plans for this year.

"Ours wasn't fancy, but we got

"We just got up there and winged it as best we could," Eric Dexter, senior business administration major, said.

Detillier said they were all surprised when they won and had shocked looks on their faces.

"I wasn't going there expecting to win any awards. It was kind of surreal because there were some really good schools," Grant Woodson, junior education major, said.

He also said that the convention

opened their eyes to things they need to do now.

"We got ideas we can use to help students get involved on and off campus," he said.

Cormier said that even though NSU did not have typical presentations, their work was worth it.

"It was a reminder that hard work pays off in the long run even though we didn't have Power-Point," Cormier said. "They were impressed with the verbal information we gave them."

Detillier said winning the award will help boost the image of the University and has helped get their chapter name out nationally since recipients of the award were posted on the Blue Key Web site.

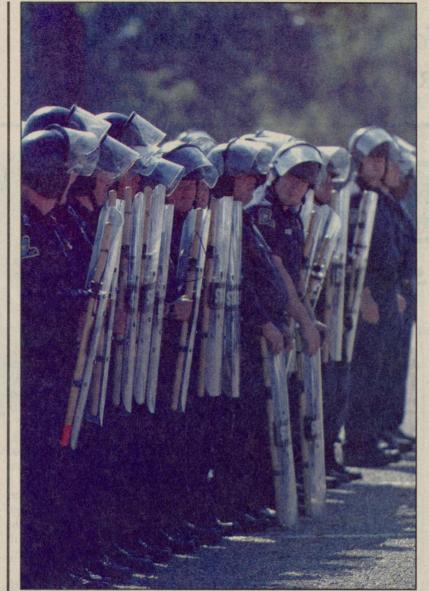
"I think it'll have an overall positive effect when the word gets out that one of our clubs is the best in the nation," Detillier said.

Detillier said that their main goal is to get their name out around NSU so more people will know what Blue Key is and will want to

apply.

"We're trying to use our good PR from winning the award to branch out. We want to get a lot of people to come out," Detillier said.

Detillier said the Blue Key Club will have fall recruitment in October. Students must meet a GPA requirement of 3.0, have at least 45 hours and will be notified by a letter in the mail if they are approved.



Chris Reich/the Current Sauce

The Region 3 Mobile Field Force, comprised of about 40 officers from the state police troops of Shreveport, Alexandria, Lake Charles, Monroe and Lafayette, wait for orders. The Force trained in the parking lot outside of Prather Coliseum Monday morning. They were training for crowd control and riot situations.





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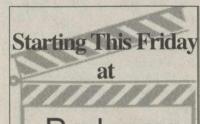
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#### Why I'm so cynical



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

I mentioned in my first column of the semester that I must echo much of the American populace by saying that I think both candidates act like the same person in spite of attempts to convince us that they are complete opposites. I'd like to talk about that a little more as the election approaches.

Bush and Kerry's propaganda machines have spent the last months trying to make the two candidates look as different as possible, and the stupidest little things have become huge news. The other day, for instance, I picked up and flipped through Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry in a bookstore. When I looked at its dozen-odd pages of endnotes, I discovered that a book which purported to be about the service of one person in Vietnam contained less than 10 sources from before the 1990s. But nobody cares. Kerry's machine is playing his Vietnam service against Bush's National Guard duty, the Bush machine is fighting back, and the only thing that matters to either is the news coverage.

Remember, you can't think about this in terms of one person versus another. These are not individuals running for an office anymore. These are organizations scrabbling for power and trying to convince you that their ideals are the correct ways of life. Bush has appeared at the NASCAR pits and on the cover of Country Music Weekly opposite George Strait because his publicity machine knows his audience. They want you to think that a vote for him is a vote for biscuits and sausage gravy, and that Kerry just wants to abort babies and raise taxes. Their jobs are to make someone, who after three years of coaching still can't pronounce "nuclear," look like he's competent to lead the free world. The Kerry machine is frantically trying to convince America that a vote for this horse-faced socialite who's

never held a regular job is a vote for more civilized behavior as a nation and that Bush is just a wellconnected redneck who's riding this cash cow we call a country for his daddy's oil business. Of course, none of these carica-

tures can possibly even approach the truth, but people fall for it all the same. Bush and Kerry both want to centralize intelligence gathering in America (which I cannot believe is going uncontested after the discovery of the FBI's Carnivore e-mail monitoring program less than a decade ago), ban gay marriage (though Kerry would support the "civil union" band-aid fix), increase the size of the government (though governmental downsizing has historically been one of the strong points of the Republican Party) and neither side wants to hear a third-party candidate talk in the debates they've scheduled. After all, he might shatter the carefully constructed illusion of dichotomy. He might have something new to say, something to show the people that this is not a war between rednecks and hippies, between dumb jocks and sniveling nerds, between cowboys and diplomats, but a real election in a real world where there are more than two courses of action available. The current arrangement is far too convenient to even risk such a thing.

Go vote! There's a registration drive in the Student Union outside of Vic's today, so you've got no excuse for not registering. One other item: Jason Cole wanted it to be known that it was his keen nit-picking eye which caught my slip on the Green Party's candidacy in these elections. Write to me at saucefiller@hotmail.com if you have something to say.

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#### Weekend at home relieves stress



By Savanna Mahaffey

I made the three-hour drive home last weekend to visit with my family and attend the Allen Parish Fair. The fair was great, but the heat made me feel like a slice of bubbling cheese melting away in a toaster oven.

After the fair, my parents treated me to a medium-cooked sirloin steak at the local steakhouse. I don't know what it is about college, but I crave red meat when I go home. If I weren't chronically pale, I would say that my coloration suffers because of all the chicken I eat

My grandmother also cooked me

My grandmother is an awesome cook, and her Sunday dinners are so huge that no one within a fivemile radius of her kitchen could go

Sunday dinner consists of at least two main courses accompanied by four side items, bread and then homemade dessert. Where I come from, using a boxed cake mix is like breaking one of the Ten Command-

The food was fantastic, but even better, my parents also took me to Wal-Mart to replenish my toiletry and soda supply. My dad also washed my car and made sure everything was in working order. In a way, I feel like the prodigal daughter when I go home.

Going home was a nice break from the hustle and bustle of college life. Last Sunday, the air conditioner in our dorm suite started leaking streams of water. My suite

a roast and some shrimp etouffe. mates and I set a bucket under the leak to prevent water from soaking our floor. I filed a maintenance report on Monday morning in hopes that the leak would be repaired shortly since a neighboring ceiling tile was sagging.

Tuesday evening rolled around, and the soggy ceiling tile, as well as 10 pounds of dirt came crashing down. It was a pretty big mess.

When I went in to report the collapse on Wednesday morning, the receptionist declared it an emergency and had the air conditioner fixed right away. By that time, I did not consider it to be an emergency

Besides the air conditioner catastrophe, I had to study for four tests and complete an English essay. I spent four hours studying for a physics test, and I cannot tell you anything about Isaac Newton except for the myth of an apple falling on his head. I hate science so

much that I sometimes refer to it as

I spent 12 hours studying for the next three tests that all happened to fall on Thursday. I'm not sure if it was necessary for me to study that much, but I think it paid off in the end. My eyes just could not focus

anymore, and I was covered in highlighter ink.

Other than that, I am getting use to college life. I have located just about everything on campus, and I sort of know my way around Natchitoches. Most importantly, I know where the strip of fast food Deal restaurants is, and it didn't even take me my whole freshman year.

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#### **Letters to the Editor**

Student complains about amendment voting results

For those of you not paying attention, an amendment to the Louisiana Constitution banning gay marriage and civil union was passed Saturday, effectively dethroning Mississippi as King Jackass of the South. According to the last reports I heard, the amendment passed 79% to 21%. Basically, this means that 79% of you are either too ill-informed to understand exactly for what it is you were voting or too homophobic to understand that homophobia itself makes you a horrible human being.

Why is it that the South is perpetually unwilling to concede an inch on issues of social reform? Why is it that we Liberals have to constantly drag you people, kicking and screaming, into the next decade, into recognizing those individual rights you Conservatives claim to respect? Why is it that you insist on remaining a dangerous burden on thinking

The crucial mistake this time around was in allowing the people to decide whether to extend civil rights to a minority group. This is why we don't have a direct democracy. This is why we don't ask for a show of hands on every bit of legislation. It's because people like you are wrong. If you don't believe me, then check the historical grab bag of public opinion. When was our greatest period of social reform? Well, I'd suggest that the mid-1800s (i.e., when we

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let Black people out of chains) was a fairly important time. Yet, for some reason, we couldn't abolish slavery until 79% of Louisiana and the vast majority of the rest of the South WAS NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. GOV-ERNMENT, when the South was still too involved in the Confederacy, and when the Union could make Constitutional amendments to which the South would later be bound.

Yes, people, when we stopped asking you for your opinion, we managed achieve a degree of beneficial social reform. And here we find ourselves in a similar situation. Instead of learning from past mistakes, you insist on reinforcing the idea that a minority group is for some reason inferior to the majority and all under the guise of Traditional Family Values. How truly offensive. I come from a traditional family. My parents are still happily married and have two children. I'm about to graduate, and my sister is saving money to go to college. We live in suburbia. We even have a dog. I guess, though, that we weren't a "Iraditional Family" because homophobia was never one of our core values. Live and learn.

And so the cycle of reform continues. Another group asks to be respected as equals, and 79% of Louisiana refuses. Nice work. You people perpetuate the stereotype of the redneck Southerner by, in fact, being redneck Southerners. Just check your history books. Every society has its historical atrocities; the difference between

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them and you is that they're sorry for theirs.

> Chad Vicknair Scholars' College Senior

Student justifies proamendment vote

I enjoyed reading Justin Shatwell's letter to the editor opposing the gay marriage amendment. Justin, as he always does, presented a through and convincing argument. However, I was unconvinced.

I voted for the amendment, not because I want homosexuals to change, disappear, or "prove" that their lifestyle is immoral. Rather I voted for the amendment because I didn't want the institution of marriage changed.

I do not want homosexuals engaged in long-term relationships to be "married." Perhaps its because I am conservative, but I only see marriage as between one man and one woman. When I get married some day soon, I don't want my marriage to be equated with the "marriage" of two men or two women.

That is not to say that I would deny homosexuals "equal" rights under the law. If homosexuals wish to form a long-term relationship that is legally bound, I would prefer that they be called "civil unions." These civil unions would be separate from marriage, and would be equal except for tax pur-

I agree with the argument the government provides incentives for heterosexuals to abandon the single life and remain married so couples will be more inclined to spawn the next generation. Since homosexuals are not going to be rearing a family, I don't think they share the claim to a federal tax break. In Louisiana homosexuals are not allowed to adopt children through the United Way Agencies or Catholic Charities.

The more we learn about homosexuality, the more we realize that it has always been a part of

human nature and will always be a part of human nature. Efforts to push homosexuals back into the closet do more harm than good. They prevent people from being able to fully explore, know, and express themselves. Whenever someone does not maximize his fullest potential, then all of society is adversely affected.

I have seen many heterosexuals take a strong disliking to homosexuals in general because there is a vocal minority of gays who define themselves solely by their sexual orientation and are flamboyant about it. These people do themselves and their community a great disservice by focusing solely on one aspect of their personality. We all should realize that we are more than just our sexual orientation, the fraternity we belong to, or the clubs we participate in. These factors along with hundreds of other factors combine to make a whole person.

Heterosexuals and homosexuals both need to look past the sexual orientation of those we encounter and relate to them as a complete being, much like civil rights' leadmake yo ers tried to do in the 1960's. If we are reject can do that, then I think the nation will become less divided regarding sexual orientation.

I am more liberal than my parents regarding homosexuals. Perhaps by the time my children are making decisions, this debate will be old hat and society will have moved past the small differences between a civil union and a mar-

However, for now I do not think homosexuals should be allowed to marry, I do think that they should be able to form long lasting legally bonding civil unions. These unions will help homosexuals to become better, stronger people, much the same way as a married couple is complemented and reassured by the commitment the

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fast food Dear readers,

Welcome to my first column. This is soon to become a question a fresh- and answer forum that will be all Her opin- about you and what you care eflect the about the most. But for this to taff or of happen, I need you guys to send in questions about your relationships, life and whatever else. Can't get a date? Boyfriend or girlfriend trouble? Don't know which condom is best to use? Just plain stressed out? I'm here to help and listen to you vent. Since Iam going to learn and try to sort out all the messy, intimate details of your lives, I thought I would tell you a little bit about me. In other words, allow me to introduce myself. My name, for the sake of my privacy and your own amusement, is Tallulah. I am a junior in the English of society department, and am minoring in journalism. I have dated and been single at different times in my life, but am currently in a e there is long-term relationship. I love the Dave Matthews band and ice cream, and there will always be a special place in my heart for all of Chris Farley's movies.

> Introducing the column: But enough about me, since

this is the first column I thought we would start off with something simple: getting the digits. First of all, do not be shy. Be bold. And you do not have to be a guy to ask. Girls, this is no longer the o make a 50s, get a clue. Guys can be just as shy as you. Also, do not ask for someone's digits when you are with a huge group of friends. This will only make the other person feel intimidated and make you look like an idiot if you are rejected. If possible, let there be no witnesses to your possible shame and humiliation. If you do get rejected, you have the right to persistent, but remember: nobody likes a stalker. Asking twice is okay, but if you're asking 10 or 12 times a week, take a hint and let it go. Try not to call names or say something unforgivably rude if the person says 'no' (do is behind their backs from very far away). Whatever attachment ou might have later formed with this person will be ruined if you act childishly. However, if his person says 'yes' and you do snag their digits, then congratuations. Just don't lose the number in the dryer with last week's pack of Winterfresh gum.

Do not wait forever to call because you don't want to seem reaux III desperate. It's cool if you're interested and excited, so call in a day or two if you want. In the end, be ourself, unless you are the type of person who marvels over their ability to pick their teeth with their own toes—that type of talent should be saved for at least the second date.

# Always. Tallulah

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While this is an advice Column, recognize that I am fallible. I am not a professional psychologist or psy-chiatrist, and I base my advice solely on my own Personal experience and esearch that I have done. n other words, be aware hat any important decisions regarding your life to redict the solution of should be made by you, my for advisor. advice is simply one vieweditor must Point.\* Have any questions bout life, love, or sex? Tell lallulah and send her an eormation or

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Participants in the second annual world meat-pie eating contest begin chowing down on pies. The festival was held Saturday on the Natchitoches riverbank.

# Students get credit

# How to avoid debt when signing on the dotted line

Life Editor

Credit debt can be synonymous with college.

Acquiring credit while still young can be extremely helpful when wanting to purchase a new car or home in the future. The biggest mistake many young people, mainly college students, make is attaining too many credit cards, most of which have high interest or annual percentage rates. The trick to acquiring and maintaining good credit is to think of credit in these terms: credit is people's financial reputation, and it follows them wherever they go.

College campuses are polluted with offers for "pre-approved" credit cards. Many times these offers also come with perks like mugs or beach towels that, at the time, may seem too wonderful to when you do not pay off your bill pass up; however, it is critical to be in full each statement. Many cominformed of what you are getting into before you sign on the dotted

According to the General months. Accounting Office, about 70 per-

By Raquel Hill cent of undergraduates at fouryear colleges carry at least one credit card in their own names. Those students without cards are many times in search of one, in hopes to start building credit.

Before applying for "plastic," the National Fraud Informational Center suggests that the applicant of the card read the fine print of the credit contract. By reading this sometimes skipped-over information, students can find out how much credit can really cost. If you receive an offer for a pre-approved credit card or if someone says they will help you get a credit card, find out the details first. Knowing the facts about your card might save you a few pennies in the long run.

The first important fact to be aware of is the annual percentage rate, which is the interest charged along with the other required fees panies may try to trap students in

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are late fees. If you cannot pay your bill on time, you will be charged a nominal fee. This fee can range from about \$25-\$30. If the credit card holder is habitually late, it is recorded on his credit history report and stays there for seven years. This will make it hard to get a school loan now or that dream car help college students keep credit or home one day.

The next thing to know about is with a 0 percent APR that can soar the annual fee—something of ing many cards, it becomes harder to a steep 19.8 percent after six which to be particularly aware. to keep up with the payments and Many companies find it very con- to keep track of the statements. The second fact to be aware of venient to charge their customers a

fee, even if customers do not use the card. Like many students, Sara Davis, a sophomore fashion merchandising major, finds it comforting to carry a credit card in case of emergencies.

"A credit card is like a security blanket. If you have it on you while you're driving down the road and you get car trouble, it comes in handy," Davis said, "You can't call you parents for little emergencies like for gas or personal things, so it helps with that, too."

For this reason, it is important to ask a representative of the credit card company if there is an annual fee. If there is, keep in mind that many other card companies offer plastics without an annual feejust remember to read the fine print for any other fees that may be hidden in the contract.

Bankreport.com had a few tips to card debt in check:

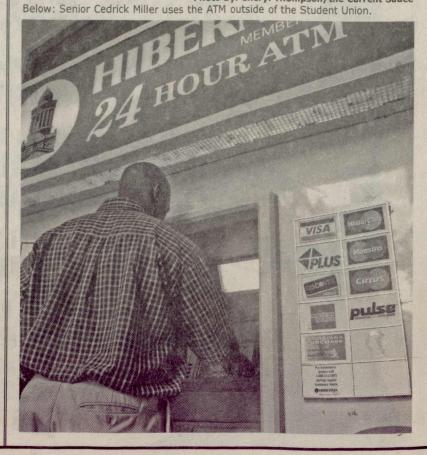
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#### Impulse purchases affect student bank accounts



Above: Photo Illustration by Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce Photo by: Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce



By Victoria Smith Sauce Reporter

Finances! Finances! Finances! Are you confident your personal finances are completely in order? Do you occasionally on impulse buy random, unnecessary items whether you can afford it or not. Many NSU students fall victim to this random act called splurging. Some even go into debt.

Sophomore Tyrome Sweet said he frequently finds himself going out to purchase food and clothing.

"Even though I have a meal plan, I still go out and buy food," Sweet said. "I went to the mall in Shreveport last weekend and I only had \$30 and I bought a hat for

Michael Gatson admits to squandering money unnecessari-

"I spend money on things that I don't need such as going out of town and spending money to eat out, buying alcohol and shopping," Gatson said. "I shop a lot. If it's not for clothes, it's for things for my apartment."

To prevent vast overspending, Gatson said he regularly monitors his checking account. When his balance gets low, he said he asks his parents to put more money into his account.

Students spend money on their personal appearances. Gatson has his hair cut every week even though he said it is not necessary. Sweet said he falls victim to shoes and clothing when he goes to the

"If I saw some shoes that I really wanted I'd write a check and go cover it the next day before the check went through," Sweet said. Because of his overspending, he said he needs to develop better money management skills rather than having to get more money from home.

"If I see something that I want and the funds are there, I'm going to get it," Sweet said.

Credit cards are an alternative to over drafting checking accounts when students are short on cash, but misuse can lead to long-term debt and ruined credit. Many students use their credit cards to purchase gas or to go shopping. Sweet said his Visa Platinum is completely maxed out from shoe and clothing purchases.

In contrast, freshman Brianna Deason said she rigorously budgets her money weekly. If there is a book she wants to read, she said she will buy it before anything

"If the book is \$10 and I have \$15, I will ration the \$5 that is left over because I can't help but buy books," Deason said.

Deason said if she does not have enough cash to purchase a book, she will use her credit card, which is only supposed to be used for gas

Sophomore Keith Scott said he keeps his finances in perfect order. Scott said if he is getting low on cash, he stops spending because extra expenses are always coming

"If I spend all of my money, I wouldn't have any money until my next payday, which would make me have to struggle to buy what I need," Scott said

Scott said he would be willing to let his checking account go negative if he were sick and needed medication.

'I am very careful to make sure that my account never goes over so it would have to be a big emergency such as a death in the family or me getting sick for me to let my checking account to go over," Scott said. He also said it costs a lot more to get a checking account back to normal than it did to use the money to begin with.



#### Stay in style on a budget

By now you have probably figured out that staying in fashion while away from any major shopping malls and daddy's wallet is pretty darn hard. The resources we have available to us in Natchitoches make it very difficult to find products and styles that fit our personality and our budget at the same time; however, it is not impossible to find what you are looking for in our small town.

#### Scenario #1:

You and your friends are up late one night and you decide that you have nothing to wear for the next day. The obvious place you decide to take a road trip to is the Natchitoches Mall herself, the Wal-Mart Super center, open 24 hours. You and your girlfriends or buddies find that there is hardly anyone around-which makes for shopping without pressure. Isn't it annoying when you have saleswomen eyeing your every move from the time you walk into the store to the time you walk out?

At Wal-Mart, that doesn't happen-especially at midnight. At "Wally-world" you can find cute blouses and tops for girls and way cool jackets and cargos for guys. Shoes can be found on the back aisles of the store and the racks are loaded with tons of stylish footwear for both sexes at extremely affordable prices. Your personal style can change from day to day with the wide selection of clothes, shoes and accessories available at Wal-

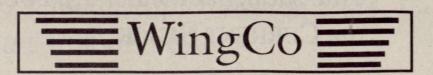
#### Scenario #2:

You are obsessed with shoes, just like I am, but you don't have what you would call a "normal" sized foot. If you are a female, I know just the place for you: Cato. Cato sells unique footwear, but even more importantly, they retail shoes in large sizes. If you wear a size 10 or above, Cato might just be the place for you. Oh yeah—guess what? They're pretty reasonably priced, too! They also offer affordable clothing and really fun accessories for the gals.

For the guys, if you are looking for something simple, comfortable and LARGE you might try looking on the Internet. Bigandtall.com usually carries some really nice shoe styles for the guys with big feet. If you don't feel comfortable receiving packages from a store with Big and Tall in the title, check out the Sears catalog store located on College Avenue right as you come into Natchitoches from I-49. You can look through the catalog and order the styles and sizes that you need and your package will arrive right at your doorstep shortly.

#### Scenario #3:

You need a wardrobe update but don't have the funds to accommodate your need. Check out the old store with the white and blue face on the sign-Goodwill. Surprisingly, Goodwill has really great styles. If you are into the retro looks, there are tons of looks from all fashion eras at Goodwill. Guys can find a suit or even a tuxedo for a formal or a music performance. Girls can find really fun costume jewelry and really unique jackets, pants and shirts. Keep Goodwill in mind next time you need an outfit.



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means do not place off-the-wall purchases on the charge card. The way to beat this splurge is to allow only one "affordable" treat. This willpower keeps debt down and prevents the need to keep track of random charges to you card.

· Use cash when it is available. This means do not pull out the card to purchase bubble-gum at Wal-Mart and then again later to get dinner from Sonic. When a person does this, it is at risk of receiving a bill at the end of the month with \$100 in "nothing" expenses. To avoid a bill like this, pay cash for minor expenses less than \$10. By doing this, there will not be any

• Try not to impulse shop. This ment and it can save hundreds of dollars in interest over time.

• Pay off the bill quickly. If a statement for \$250 arrives and the minimum payment is \$20, do not just pay the minimum balance. Always pay the minimum payment plus the interest on the total balance. If this is not taken care of, the debt will just keep on increas-

According to Bankrate.com, "America's college students control more money than the national debt of some small countries. Together they spend more than \$19 billion dollars a year. The average monthly debt on a college student's charge account, according to one unnecessary charges on the state- study, is more than \$2,000

(although another survey puts the figure at a more reasonable \$584),

Many college students graduate with almost \$6,000 in credit card debt, and to sophomore social work students, Erin Juneau and Shantell Francis, that statistic is dis.

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"Debt sets you back before you can even start out in life," Juneau said. "Students don't realize that what they spend money on now might hurt them later."

"Debt doesn't only affect you, affects your family," Francis added "If you can't pay your bills on time your family ends up helping you and that hurts them. Before you can get a good start in life, you're already a step behind."

#### Journalism student attends minority conference

By LaTisha May Sauce Reporter

NSU journalism student Glenn Tillman Jr. was selected recently to participate in a conference for minority journalists in Washington,

The UNITY 2004 conference is an alliance of four professional organizations for minority journalists. Several thousand journalists, students, political and corporate leaders of color attend the conference each year. Participants work with professional mentors to build a working newsroom and produce three newscasts covering conference activities.

Tillman learned about the UNITY conference from the Web site of the National Association of Black Journalists. He submitted a five-minute resume tape, two letters of recommendation, an official



GLENN TILLMAN JR.

transcript and an application to NABI. Out of 70 NABI entrants, Tillman was chosen along with

nine other NABJ members. News director of Alabama Public Television and NABI UNITY TV lead mentor, Jon Beans selected

Tillman because of his ability and

positive attitude.

"I would not have selected Glen, guy ar if I did not think he would repressistent sent NABJ and his school with dig. chance nity and honor," Beans said.

Tillman said he attended UNITY 2004 with the hopes of learning and their expanding his network. "Every Turpin body was friendly and helpful; felt good to be in my position," Till. man said.

Tillman said his studies at NSU and his television experience well prepared him for the conference Football But, he said, it also helps to have • NSU

"If you have a dream, stick to NSU your dream," Tillman said. "It's no! Sept. what you want; it's how bad you want it."

Along with being a reporter for NSU 22, Tillman has hosted "Demon Sports Today," a sport show on Channel 22 and the interview show "Demon Life."

#### NSU Theater Fall Schedule

Remember to keep checking the Sauce for previews and updated information.

- Sophocles' Antigone: Oct. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. at the A.A. Fredericks Outdoor Stage.
- Lee Blessing's Two Rooms: Oct. 6 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.
- Lee Blessing's Patient A: Oct. 7 and 9 at 7:30
- p.m. in Theatre West.
- · Mike Yionoulis' Medea and Oedipus Rex: Oct. 20-23 at 7:30 p.m. in A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.
- Daniel MacIvor's Never Swim Alone and This Is a Play: Oct. 27-30 at 7:30 p.m. in the LOFT The-
- Noel Coward's Hay Fever: Nov. 10-13 and 16-19 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.
- Neil LaBute's The Shape of Things: Nov. 13-14 a 7:30 pm in the LOFT Theatre.

ce: List of shows and dates provided by Scott Burrell, the Associate Artistic and Managing Director of the Northwestern Theatre Departm



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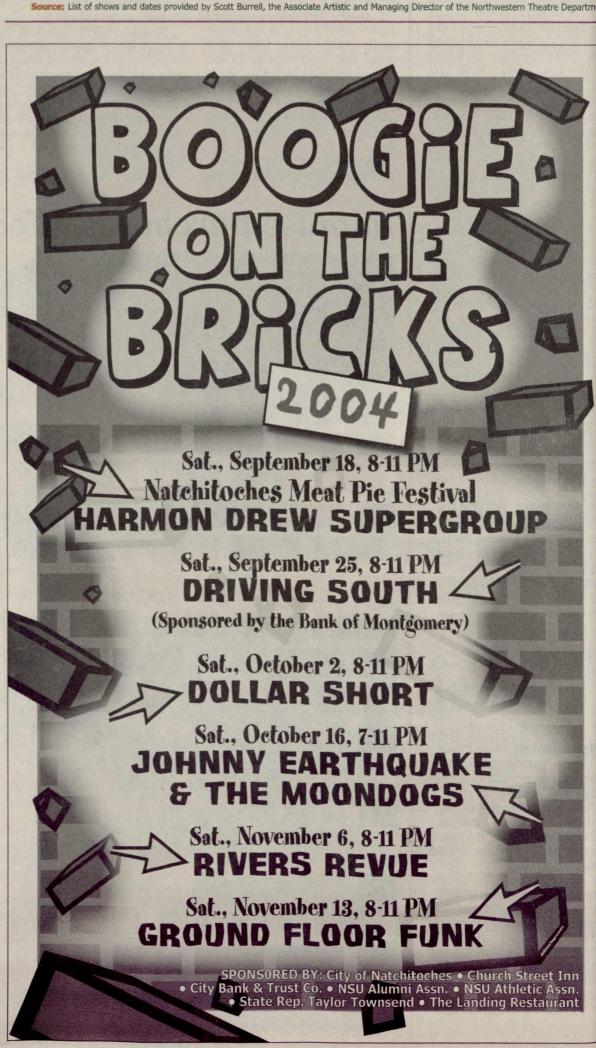
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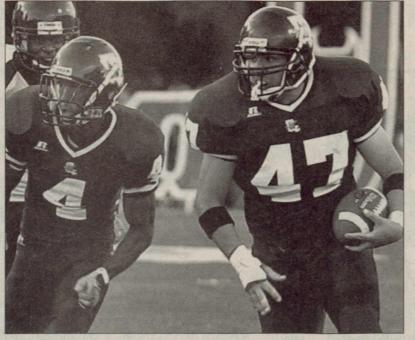
The Demons were led offensively by running back Shelton Sampson who ran the ball for 99 yards on 10 carries with two touchdowns. Both quarterbacks for the Demons, Connor Morel and Davon Vinson, played well combining for 158 pass yards on 14 of

The Demon special teams seemed to be progressing well as kicker Josh Storrs hit two field goals in the game. Storrs nailed a kick from 24 yards out in the second quarter, which was NSU's first field goal of the 2004 season.

Storrs also hit a 44 yard field goal while Demon's kicker Tommy Hebert's woes continued. Hebert missed two field goals in the game from 25 yards and 37 yards out.

"I was pleased to get field goal tonight," Stoker said. "Storrs made the field goal and he is our cted Gleng guy and hopefully he can be conuld repressistent for us. I gave Tommy a l with dig chance, but he couldn't make the field goals."

The Demons look to continue ed UNITY arning and their 21-game regular-season c. "Every. Turpin Stadium winning streak



Demon middle linebacker Brad Parmley picked off Tiger quarterback Tino Edgecombe in the second quarter Saturday. Parmley returned the interception down to the one-yard line, which set up a A.J. Franklin touchdown.

vs. non-conference opponents us some momentum for next dating back to 1994 this Saturday Mountaineers.

"This win most definitely gives work on the next one."

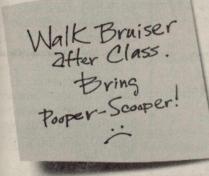
week," Demon running back against the Appalachian State Sampson said. "We need to put this game behind us and start to

#### **Upcoming NSU Demon home games**

conference Football home games

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- Sept. 25 @ 4 p.m. m, stick to • NSU vs. Oklahome Panhandle d. "It's no Sept. 25 @ 4 p.m.
- Soccer home games NSU vs. McNeese St.
- Oct. 1 @ 7 p.m. • NSU vs. Stephen F. Austin Oct. 3 @ 1 p.m.
- Volleyball home games · NSU vs. Nicholls St.
- Sept. 24 @ 7 p.m.
- NSU vs. Southeastern Sept. 25 @ 3 p.m.

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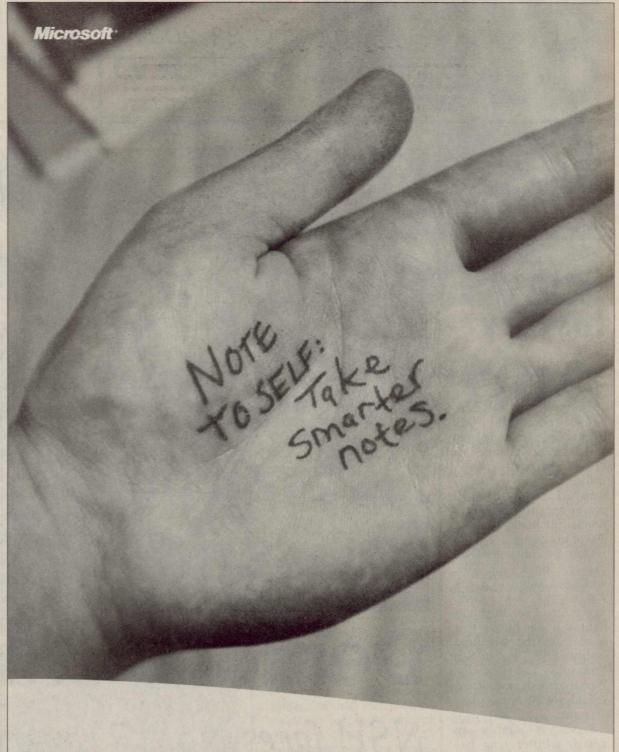
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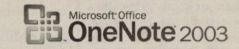
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**Patrick** West The Way I See It

#### **Sports** history

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In every generation, something magical happens in sports and history is changed. I was able to watch history change last Friday night on Sept. 17, 2004. On this date, I watched the best baseball player ever to play, Barry Bonds, hit home run No. 700 of his career.

Only two other baseball players have hit 700, which is Hammerin' Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth. Every time I see the highlight of Bonds hitting that blast over the left field wall at SBC Park in San Francisco I get chills. Without Bonds, the Giants would not be in the play-

off hunt. Bonds is simply an amazing hitter who has patience and waits for his pitches. He rarely strikes out and has more walks than anybody else this season. Bonds even broke his intentional walk record from last season. He is that good and opposing pitchers and teams respect him that

I can now tell my grandchildren that I witnessed history and I watched the best baseball player break record after record. I still get goose bumps when I see the highlight of Bonds hitting No. 600, No. 700 or his magical season where he hit 73 home runs in a season. This is truly amazing, and I am glad I was able to see Bonds play.

#### **Demon football**

This weekend I wonder if Demon fans understand the magnitude of the upcoming game against Appalachian State. The Mountaineers are No. 17 ranked while the Demons are No. 18 ranked, which is a huge game.

This game features two division I-AA powerhouses playing a game in Natchitoches. This game determines the Demons future. If the Demons lose, then they could take a tumble in the standings and might need help getting into the playoffs.

If the Demons win, then this could set the tone for the rest of the season. This game looks to be a defensive battle with a few big plays sprinkled in, so Demon fans pack Turpin Stadium and cheer on the Demons. I hope the student section heckles the heck out of the Mountaineers.

#### Elections

This next topic is not about sports, but I need to tell someone about this. I went to vote for the SGA/Homecoming election and was turned away. Why? I take an Internet class, so that makes me not a full time student. Is that not messed up? I paid \$96 in student fees and I still cannot vote. That much money is not enough for me to vote?

Plus, I have to pay to vote. The SGA, which does not do much, needs to do something with this. Hopefully the SGA will work on this. If they don't then how about somebody at fee payment speak up.

You never know what will happen at a Demon sporting event or an SGA held election.





Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce (Top) Demon running back A.J. Franklin tries to break the arm tackle of a Texas Southern linebacker. Franklin finished the game with 55 yards rushing and one touchdown. (Left) Demon running back Derrick Johnese gets dragged down from behind by two Tiger defenders. Johnese rushed for 48 yards on 13 carries. Both running backs helped the Demons rush for 283 yards against the Texas Southern defense. The Demons won the game 52-6 at home.

# Demons stuff the Tigers

## NSU faces No. 17 ranked Mountaineers Saturday

The NSU Demons face one 31-20. of their toughest challenges this weekend against the Appalachian State Mountaineers.

The game will pit two top-Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Demons are nationally ranked 18 in the ESPN/USA Today Division 1-AA, while the Mountaineers are ranked 17 in the polls.

Tigers while the Mountaineers are coming off a 28-14.

best as a team last week and look to continue to improve against Appalachian State have allowed 215 ypg. this weekend.

than we did in the previous two weeks," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said. "We cannot make mistakes and expect to win."

with NSU winning the last game in 1998. That game was named the Southern

with the Demons winning

game will be the two outstanding defenses. The Purple Swarm Defense held the Tigers last week to minus ranked teams against one nine yards on offense while another at Turpin Stadium the Mountaineers held The Citadel to 137 yards of total

"We need to find a way to execute on offense, which will be a great task," Stoker said. "They have an extreme-NSU is coming off a 52-6 ly good front four that is rout of the Texas Southern very athletic and will chal- Franklin and Greg Skidlenge us."

Both defenses will be The Demons played their in total defense with an average of 187 yards per game, while the Mountaineers

The Purple Swarm will "We are playing better have their hands full this week as they try to stop Mountaineer quarterback Richie Williams. The 185 pound 6-foot-3-inch sophoagainst Appalachian State more quarterback is ranked sixth nationally in offense This is the third meeting with a 287 ypg. Williams is between these two teams ranked 11th with a 159.9 pass efficiency rating and

By Patrick West took place in the quarterfinal Conference Offensive Player kick/punt returner Fowlkes on the offensive side of the Sports Editor round of the I-AA playoffs of the Week for the second week in a row. "Their offense goes

A key match-up in this through their quarterback," ame will be the two outfor them." Williams' favorite target is

Davon Fowlkes. Fowlkes is ranked 11th nationally with 8.7 receptions average per game, and he is fourth ranked with 138.7 receiving Offensively, the Demons

will rely on their four running backs, Derrick Johnese, Shelton Sampson, A.J.

Last week, Sampson ran tough win over The Citadel tough to score on, as the Pur- for 99 yards on 10 carries ple Swarm is fifth nationally with two touchdowns. The Demons are averaging a 192 ypg on the ground while totaling 352 ypg in total offense and scoring 29 ppg.

> Besides tough defenses and explosive offenses, both teams have dynamic kick/punt returners.

> NSU's kick/punt returner Toby Zeigler is ranked ninth in I-AA with a 183.7 all-purpose ypg and owns the best career punt return average of any I-AA yeteran with a 14.5

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is tenth in I-AA with a 183 all-purpose ypg and is second in career punt return

Another factor in NSU's favor is the Demons are 4-0-1 against the Southern Conference while the Mountaineers are 0-4 vs. current Southland Conference mem-

Appalachian State is also 0-6 in games west of the Mississippi River.

Remember, students, to pick up your free tickets before the game on Saturday.

This will allow you to get in the stadium faster than if you had to wait in line for a ticket. Also umbrellas are prohibited, so bring a pon-

#### **NSU 52, TSU 6**

The Demons were firing on all cylinders Saturday night against the Texas Southern Tigers as NSU won in a blowout 52-6.

The Demons were rolling on offense and defense as the offense racked up 441 yards of offense while the Purple Swarm held the Tigers to minus nine yards on offense. "We executed a lot better

coach Scott Stoker said. "We have been inconsistent on offense the last couple of weeks but we looked a lot better tonight." The Purple Swarm defense

ball tonight," Demon head

set school and Southland Conference records by holding the Tigers to negative yards on offense. The Demons also tied a Division I-AA record by recording two safeties.

NSU blew the game wide open in three-touchdown flurry in the second quarter. The first touchdown came on an eight-yard run by Demon running back Derrick Johnese to put the Demons up 21-6.

middle linebacker Brad Parmley picked off a pass to set up the Demons on the one-yard line. NSU running back would then punch it in for the touchdown. On the Tigers next offen-

sive series, Demon defensive lineman Carlos Stephons caused a fumble, which linebacker T.J. McMillan scooped up and ran to the end zone.

That score sealed the win for the Demons as NSU was See Stuffed, page 7

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#### FOOTBALL

#### Students need to pick up free tickets

Northwestern State students who have not already picked up their free footbal season tickets have through Friday afternoon to claim them at the NSU Ticket Office in the Athletic Field. house at the south end of Turpin Stadium.

The NSU ticket office is open in the athletic fieldhouse from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

With an unprecedented number of NSU students already having claimed their football season tickets, availability for student tickets is dwindling. Student season tickets guarantee seating in the east side stands housing the festive Six student section at Turpin Satu

The NSU ticket office will Satur be handing out NSU stu- Appala dent season tickets through robbed this week. After Friday, students will have to get tickets only the for the football games on a game-by-game basis.

Students still can use beries their current NSU ID cards plain s at the stadium on game day The c to obtain a single-game tick beries. et for admission to the home games. However, "Plea there may be a line for stu- of vehi dents using ID cards, result

Presc ing in a delay in entrance to items i the stadium.

#### **NSU** beats ULM 3-1 in SLC play "An

Northwestern brought Louisiana-Monroe Sun back down to earth on Tues The N day night with a 3-1 win semest over the Lady Indians to 7 pm. open Southland Conference soccer play.

The Lady Indians (5-2-1 show, retered the game riding a entered the game riding a school record five-game "I've winning streak to go along ing a fi with a school record five Greek consecutive shutouts but it with a was the play of one sopho good o more and three freshmen Demon players that knocked ULM off their Greek perch.

Goals by freshmen "I wa Angela Pence and Erin Greek Hebert, combined with a everyth goal from sophomore Julie Zavala proved to be enough Roy firepower for NSU, now 3-6 the ligh overall and 1-0 in league "We'r

Freshman goalkeepe lights t Johnna Klohoker allower seen. I just one goal and had 13 saves in the game ever Roy s though ULM outshot the Antigor Demons 27-18 in the con to hone

The Demons will pu parts." their unbeaten mark on the line on Friday when the travel to take on Texas Stati in San Marcos at 7 p.m.

#### Home run derby event

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On O theate Northwestern State head baseball coach Mitch Gas Blessin pard has announced his The p annual "Home Run Derby life and fund raising event will b Matthe held on Saturday, October AIDS. beginning around 11 a.m. the dis

The event helps rais Kim co money for the NSU basebal ation. program.

Free food and drinks wil epidem be available and NSU base media ball apparel will be on sale

Also on the agenda to The d the baseball program in the Monique next month will be the dem Royal F olition of the current infiel "Patie astroturf as new field tw forman will be installed.

Demolition is expected t take place Oct. 15 or 16 an "The completion is expected i lenging early December.

Unlike the layout of th current turf, the new layou will have the turf covering the covering turns the covering turns the covering turns the complete infield, froi dugout to dugout, and a the way to the backstop.

### **NSU** legend Joe Delaney honored

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Haughton native and legendary two-sport NSU All-American Joe Delaney will be posthumously honored Sunday at halftime of the Kansas City Chiefs-Houston Texans NFL game when his name is added to the façade of Arrowhead Stadium on Hall of Fame Week-

In ceremonies last March, Delaney officially became the 34th member of the Chiefs Hall of Fame. A standout running back for the Chiefs in 1981-82, 29, 1983 while trying to save the lives of three children in

His wife, Carolyn, and other family members will participate in Sunday's ceremonies. Also on hand will be his college coach at Northwestern, A.L. Williams, and former Demon teammate Jack Brit-

western State.

The Demon football team's permanent team captains as voted by the players each year receive the Joe Delaney Leadership Awards.

The Demons' spring football game is called the Delaney Bowl, and an annual spring celebrity golf event, the Joe Delaney Memorial, generates funds for athletic scholarships.

He is immortalized with a permanent shrine underneath the west side grandstand at NSU's Turpin Stadium and his retired No. 44 Delaney drowned on June Demon jersey hangs on the wall in the NSU football offices.

A group of Chiefs fans three years ago formed "The 37 Forever Foundation" to provide water safety information and swimming programs to underprivileged youths in memory of Delaney, who wore jersey No. 37 for Kansas City.

The group, whose web-Delaney already is site is www.37forever.org enshrined in the College on the internet, is "dedicat-Football Hall of Fame, the ed to the lasting recognition Louisiana Sports Hall of of a true sports hero who

Club Hall of Fame at North- attempt to save three children," one who survived. The 37 Forever Founda-

tion will hold its annual dinner at Arrowhead Stadium on Monday night, with proceeds to help benefit the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program.

In Maryland, the "Delaney Athletic Conference" took its name to honor his memory in the fall of 1983, and today 13 north Virginia high schools comprise the DAC.

Delaney burst onto the NFL scene as the AFC Rookie of the Year in 1981 when he earned a trip to the Pro Bowl and earned Chiefs MVP honors after establishing then-franchise records with 1,121 rushing yards and seven 100-yard rushing games.

Delaney (5-10, 184) appeared in 23 games (17 starts) in two seasons with Kansas City after entering the NFL as the Chiefs' second-round pick in the 1981 NFL Draft.

In his too-brief pro career, which covered the entire school-record 3,047 yards 1981 season and the strikeshortened 1982 campaign, with 27 TDs and twice

vards on 329 carries (4.6 avg.) with three TDs. He also caught 33 passes for 299 yards (9.1 avg.).

Delaney's legs helped propel the '81 Chiefs to a 9-7 record, the club's first winning season since 1973.

After coming off the bench to record 101 rushing yards in his initial NFL action at New England, he ran for 106 yards and registered 104 receiving yards in his first pro start against Oakland.

His 193-yard rushing performance vs. Houston on Nov. 15, 1981, remains the third-highest single-game rushing output in franchise history.

The outburst by Delaney led Oilers Hall of Fame end Elvin Bethea to say after the game: "I've played against the best - O.J. Simpson, Gale Sayers, Walter Payton and (Delaney) ranks right up there with them. He is great with a capital G.

During a brilliant fouryear career at Northwestern State, Delaney rushed for a on 615 carries (5.0 avg.)

Fame and the Graduate N selflessly gave his life in an Delaney rushed for 1,501 earned NCAA Division I-AA All-America honors.

A standout track performer, Delaney also earned All-America status after setting school records in the 100 and 200-meter events and was a member of the 400-meter relay team which won the NCAA title in 1981. He still holds the Demons' 200 meter dash school record, 23 years later.

Delaney was born on October 30, 1958 in Henderson, Texas and was buried on July 4, 1983 in Haughton. He was posthumously

awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal by Ronald Reagan on July 13, 1983 and received the NCAA Award of Valor in 1984. Vice President George H. Bush presented the presidential cita-

tion to the Delaney family. The 20th anniversary of his heroic death last summer produced a sea of national media attention, including features that appeared on ESPN and in national publications such as Sports Illustrated and The Sporting News.

#### **Exclusive Vic the Demon interview**

The mischievous mascot NSU fans love explains why he has a passion for dancing, cheering and beating up other mascots.

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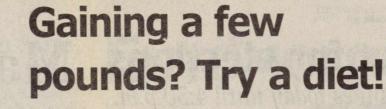
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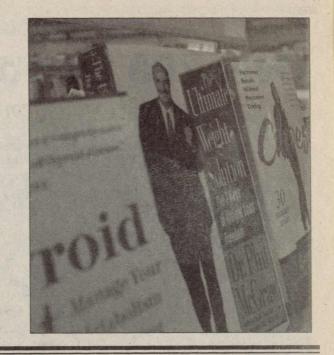
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#### Sauce on the Side

#### east side he festive Six vehicles broken into during at Turpin Saturday football game

office will Saturday during NSU's football game against NSU stu- Appalachian State, six vehicles were vandalized and ts through robbed.

riday, stu- Detective Doug Prescott of the NSU police said the get tickets only thing stolen was money.

All other items that are usually the targets for robcan use beries were left undisturbed, many of which were in J ID cards plain sight, Prescott said.

game day The campus police are currently investigating the rob-

However, "Please take stuff out of the passenger compartments ne for stu- of vehicles," Prescott said.

rds, result Prescott also advises students to lock any valuable entrance to items in the trunk or place them out of sight.

Lora Sheppard

#### "Antigone" to run Saturday and State Sunday in outdoor setting

th on Tues- The NSU theatre department's first production of the a 3-1 win semester, "Antigone," will run Saturday and Sunday at

Senior theatre major Tabatha Roy will direct the ans (5-2-1) show, which is Sophocles' sequel to his play "Oedipus e riding a

five-game "I've directed one act, but this is my first time directo go along ing a full show," Roy said. "I really wanted to do a record five Greek tragedy outside. I just knew I wanted something outs but it with a strong female lead, and "Antigone" is a really one sopho good one for that."

freshmen Roy said the play will take place on the rarely-used A.A. Fredericks Outdoor Stage, which is actually the Greek stage.

freshmer "I wanted to do it right, she said. "There is no set; and Erif Greek plays didn't really have sets. The costumes and ed with a everything are very traditional."

be enough Roy said she has also taken a minimalist approach to SU, now 3-1 the lighting design.

in league "We're going to put torches up around the stage to do shadow lighting," she said. "We're going to have some goalkeepe lights but it's only enough to where everyone can be er allowed seen. It's just very simple."

game ever Roy said Mary Watson will play the lead role of outshot the Antigone, a woman who defies her king in an attempt in the con to honor her dead brother.

However, Roy said, "There really aren't any small

**Kyle Shirley** 

#### "Patient A" and "Two Rooms" to run in Theatre West

On Oct. 7 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., students in the NSU State head theater department will present "Patient A" by Lee Mitch Gas Blessings in Theatre West.

ounced hi The play is about three characters who come back to Run Derby life and talk about the final moments of their lives. vent will by Matthew and Kim, two of the characters, both died of y, October AIDS. Matthew was a homosexual male who contracted nd 11 a.m. the disease, presumably, through sexual activity, while helps rais Kim contracted the virus through a routine dental oper-ISU baseba ation. Matthew talks about "dying in oblivion" and how the homosexual community is basically ignored in this drinks will epidemic, while heterosexuals like Kim receive tons of d NSU base media attention and, therefore, the nation's sympathy.

I be on sale agenda fo The director is Thea K. Richard and the actors are: ogram in the Monique Ayme as Kim, Jacob Justice as Matthew and be the dem Royal Hampton III as Lee, the author.

urrent infiel "Patient A" will be both Justice and Ayme's first perw field tul formance at NSU, and Richard said they are a good s expected t

"The characters they take on are complex and chal-15 or 16 an expected i lenging, even for an experienced actor, but they really are working hard to put on a good show," she said.

ayout of th Another Lee Blessings play, "Two Rooms" will run Oct. e new layou 6 and 8 at 7:30 pm in Theatre West. urf coverin

**Dorothea Wilson** 

#### Detectives in the making:

New forensic entomology class gives students hands-on experience studying insects on rotting pig corpses



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

Jessica Cox, a forensic entomology class member, collects insects from around the site of a decomposing pig the class placed in the Grady Erwin History Reserve on Sept. 13.

By Kyle Shirley

chance to learn about crime of insects in legal investigascene investigation from tions and focuses on teaching some surprising teachers: students how to obtain inforinsects and rotting pigs.

Sauce Reporter enrolled in a new course called forensic entomology. NSU students have a The class deals with the use mation on dead bodies by

Fifteen students are studying the insects on and around them, associate professor and biology department head Michael Bodri

> Bodri, who teaches the course, said it was his idea to ■ See Entomology, pg. 3

# Shooting

One student dead, another hospitalized; police continue to investigate incident

left one dead and the other wounded Friday morning.

At 2 a.m., Roger Lockhart, 18, accounting major from New Orleans, drove himself to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital with a gunshot Department also invited wound in his back as documented in a press release from the city of Natchitoches Mayor's Office.

Upon arriving at the hospital, Lockhart informed the medics that his roommate was still at their apartment.

Officials from the Natchitoches Police Department arrived at the students' apartment in the White Columns Apartment com-

They found Gregory Franklin, 19, sophomore industrial engineering tech- at 352-8101.

Two NSU students were nology major from New the victims of a shooting that Orleans, dead from a gunshot wound.

Upon investigation, the police did not find any signs of forced entry into the apartment, Hornsby said.

The Natchitoches Police members of the crime lab unit in Shreveport and members of the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office crime scene unit to aid in the investigation of this crime as documented by a press release from Hornsby.

At press time, the police had no leads into the cause of the shootings or any suspects. Natchitoches Police Chief Keith Thompson has asked for anyone with any information on the shooting to call the police department

#### Week of activities to raise awareness of sexual assault risks

By Kyle Shirley Sauce Reporter

Combating sexual assault is a new part of the Student Safety Committee's project Mission: Demon Safety. Related courses and activities will be open to students.

NSU counselor and chairwoman of the committee Leah Lentz said Sexual Assault Awareness Week will take place Monday through Friday.

The "purple ribbon campaign" starts Monday. Students across campus will hand out purple ribbons, which are often used to represent sexual assault, Lentz

On Tuesday, the theater production "Drawing the Shades" will run at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the LOFT

"This is a multimedia event where theater students are performing monologues that originally came from interviews of other students at universities throughout the nation," Lentz said.

The production will include a slide show of statistics and information about sexual assaults on college campuses.

Senior theater major Dallas Bird is a member of the four-person cast performing the monologues. Bird said he was attracted to the show

■ See Assault, page 3

#### Surveillance cameras installed on campus

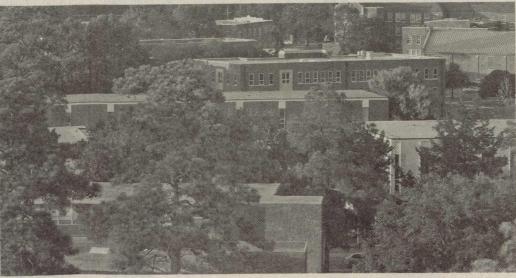
**By Savanna Mahaffey** Sauce Reporter

Surveillance cameras were installed at Turpin Stadium, Rapides Hall and Sabine Hall two months ago.

Fourteen cameras were installed around Sabine Hall in high-volume areas such as the lobby, parking lot and between wings. Sabine Hall was chosen as a site for the surveillance cameras because it is highly populated.

A high-definition rotating camera is positioned at the top of Turpin Stadium. The camera allows University police to view nearly every inch on campus. The cameras record at all times, and tapes are viewed by campus police when necessary.

The camera at Turpin Stadium allows campus police to



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Here is an arial view of Dodd Hall (front left), the Student Union (right), Kyser Hall, and the Family and Consumer Sciences building. This view from the upper deck of Turpin stadium is similar to one of many angles the new security camera is capable of recording.

small as a license plate in covers Rapides Hall, Caddo courts and the baseball field front of the James A. Noe Mil- Hall, Greek Hill, Sibley Lake, among others.

zoom in on something as itary Science building. It also Columns Apartments, tennis

University police chief Rickie Williams said the cameras were not installed at Turpin Stadium specifically for football games but because it is a high point on campus. The cameras can watch a larger area if they are elevated.

"There really isn't a lot of crime at football games except for an occasional fight," Williams said. "If there is a fight, we can zoom in and recognize the involved parties. If people can be identified,

Williams said they will be brought in for questioning, and the proper procedures will take place.

Williams said if certain areas on campus become frequently hazardous, the cameras come in handy.

■ See Cameras, pg. 3

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#### Over 700 turn out for elections

Mr. and Miss NSU runoff continues today until 4:30 p.m.

Sauce Reporter

During the past months leading up to the presidential election, the importance of young voters, who could play a vital role in determining the next leader of the United States, has been emphasized.

Voting in the SGA and Homecoming Court elections on Oct. 22 and 23 served as practice for students who will be voting in the November election.

Y'esha Jackson, a senior Homecoming Court nominee, said, "Students need to use their right to vote, especially this year with another presidential election that will be close.

More than 700 students voted in the elections to determine new class senators and members of the homecoming court, including Mr.

By Darren Lewis showed an increase in student voting. Speaker of the Senate Alan Sypert said there was a good voter turnout this fall.

> To get more students involved in the elections, SGA members increased focus on promotions prior to the election.

> "We put up more fliers, promoted on the radio and emphasized the importance of voters," Brandon Bailey, SGA senator at large, said.

A student needed to receive nominations from three student organizations to become a candidate for Homecoming Court. Candidates for Mr. and Miss NSU needed to receive four nomina-

All sophomore, junior and senior class senator seats were won by acclamation, but the winners of the freshman class senator seats were and Miss NSU. The numbers determined by last week's election.

Mr. and Miss NSU runoff candidates:





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 Freshman Class Senators elected: Nikki Booker, Ashley Love Smith, Carli Tidwell

· Homecoming Queen and King: Ashley Dunham, Bran-

#### Math software to improve student success

Sauce Reporter

The department of mathematics is focusing on improving the retention and success of students in developmental math courses this semester by providing math software designed to improve their

The instructional software used primarily in Math 920 and 1021 classes is part of a comprehensive strategy that Noel-Levitz, a national academic consultant group, recommended to keep struggling math students in classes.

Kathy Autrey, assistant mathematics professor and developmental math coordinator, explained that the software is a series of modules that cover different math concepts, which includes lecture material, examples of how to work problems and specific problem

"The examples that come up take them through step-by-step and show them exactly what to do and they can choose examples that are progressive and more complicated," Autrey said.

Autrey, who also works with high school teachers to prepare

By Derrick Doyle their students for college place- because sitting down doing homement tests, discussed the software's usefulness in developmental math courses when reviewing fractions, decimals, percents and other math issues that might not be addressed in class due to time restraints.

> "They can go back in and look through the material and work through the problems and build their confidence and ability," Autrey said. "Particularly, non-traditional students who have difficulty just because they may have been out of school a while and also for some of the other students who just missed some of the concepts as they were going through their high school years.'

Student registered in the developmental math courses are automatically registered into the software system by their NSU enrollment data. When the math students log on to the software, they have access to the content that matches what is going on in their

software is incorporated into the

math student's lab fees. "The whole point of the software is to make it easier to do homework work with pencil and paper is tedious and dull," said Frank Serio, Jr., associate professor and mathematics department head. "Most people find time spent working with the computer to be less tedious than pencil and paper."

Technical problems have risen with the new software, but Serio has received positive remarks from students about the software and he is sure the occurring technical problems are only temporary.

"I have only spoken to a couple of students and they seem to like it well enough," Serio said. "Mostly we are having some technical difficulties, but that's pretty typical for a new piece of software.

However, some math students are already reaping the benefits of the instructional software.

"I'll use it because it helps me out 100 percent of the time," said Colby Bizette, a freshman business major enrolled in the Math 1021 course.

"It allows you to do more work The cost of the license to use the at home and at school," Colby said. "It helps me when I can't get in touch with my teachers, I can go on the Internet and when I'm doing something wrong, it points it out."

# Malfunctioning KyserCA elevator out of order

By Blade Marcantel Sauce Reporter

The 128E elevator in Kyser Hall is out of order this week. The door is partially pried open and decorated with bright yellow tape that warns, "Caution: Do Not Enter," as if one would attempt to enter the twisted doors and step on the upraised floor.

Detective Doug Prescott said that a malfunction occurred, trapping one female on the elevator. The Natchitoches Fire Department was called to remove the victim from the elevator. The distress call was sent at 10:30 a.m., and the victim was freed at 11:28. a.m. Prescott did not know what caused the malfunction.

Randy McCormick, utilities supervisor at the Physical Plant said that the elevator worked correctly by engaging the safety and stopping the door from opening, preventing any tragedy from happening. McCormick said the elevator's age is likely to be the cause of its malfunction. He said the elevator is so old that the manufacturer is no longer in business.

"The elevator like much of the facilities here need to be replaced, the men at the Physical Plant do the best they can to hold everything together with band-aids," McCormick said.

He said if the Physical Plant is unable to find a replacement for the elevator, a new one be fabri-



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Here is the damaged elevator in Kyser Hall that was placed out of order last seriously, l week. A woman was trapped in this elevator for nearly an hour before she was ing to mak

#### **NSU Police Blotter**

9-21-04

10:29 a.m.

There was a wreck reported at the Columns and both vehicles were moderately damaged.

7:52 p.m.

Two men were thought to be stuck in the Kyser Hall elevator, but they just couldn't get the door

9:28 p.m.

Five men ran from an officer. It was a possible drug use. The officer could smell it and requested assistance.

9-22-04 12:01 a.m.

The fire alarm went off at Dodd. The members of the fire department were en route.

2:07 a.m.

A call was received concerning a hit and run in front of Rapides involving a motorcycle.

3:04 a.m.

A woman from the Columns called to report that another woman had knocked out the window to her apartment and was on the front porch refusing to leave. At 4:26 a.m. the same woman returned, causing another distur-

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8:43 p.m. Damage to the entry gate of the

Columns was reported. 12:03 p.m.

off, and members of the fire department were en route.

route with the nurse, and employees from the Natchitoches Parish Hospital were also en route.

called to report two men trying to get into the building after hours.

A CA from the Columns called because a pitt bull was running

A male student requested to speak with an officer after another student walked up to him and slapped his cigarette out of his mouth. The two exchanged words, and they were advised that they would be brought to the station if they had to be dealt with

license plate on his motorcycle had been ripped off.

9:22 p.m. A resident of Rapides called to report drug use on the south

The fire alarm at Rapides went

1:22 p.m.

There was a medical emergency in Kyser. An officer was en

6:47 p.m.

There was a fight at South Jef-10:55 p.m.

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loose in the area.

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wing. 9-25-04 5:40 p.m.

There was a report about a man duction. in a white Chevrolet in front of Sabine harassing females. 7:15 p.m.

There was a possible car breakin. What appeared to be residue from a brick or hard object was found on the right rear passenger door where entry had been attempted. A window was cracked. 9-26-04

12:07 a.m.

An officer spoke with a student who said he was taking pictures of the moon through the trees when he was facing Caddo Hall. He was advised to go back to his aorm.

9:58 a.m. The Rapides fire went off. Members of the fire department were en route. It was a result of burned popcorn on 4th East.

12:13 p.m.

A call was received in reference to a blue Toyota at Rapides with slashed tires and its alarm going

3:52 p.m.

9-27-04

There was a call from Watson Library in reference to a man harassing a woman on the second

7:06 p.m.

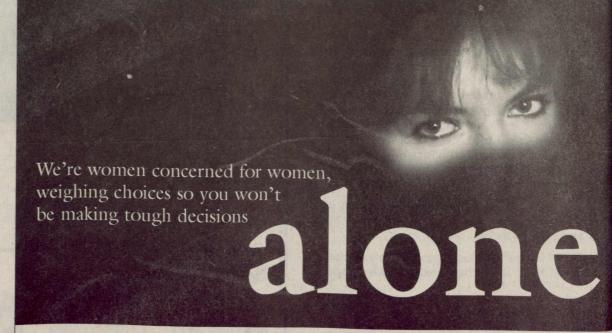
Someone from Sabine called to A student called because the report a woman who kept passing out. Paramedics were en route.

10:12 p.m.

There was a report of a possible suicidal student.

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"For example, if we have a roblem with break-ins at the ossier Hall parking lot, we can atch or record that area," said

Williams said that the purpose of the cameras is not for campus olice to spy on people but to be used as a tool to keep students and faculty safe by gathering evidence and keeping an eye on uestionable areas

"Cameras are always benefiial," Williams said. "The crime ate is cut just by people knowing hat cameras are there. It's a psychological effect. Plus, when ou've got someone on tape, it's hard for them to deny what hey've done."

Williams said the probability of adding more surveillance cameras to the campus is high, but the locations of those cameras have not vet been determined.

### NSU holds science symposium

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

A collection of world-renowned scientific leaders will assemble at Northwestern State University for an symposium on interdisciplinary science Oct. 6-8. The International Symposium on Interdisciplinary Science (ISIS) will host the most elite collection of interdisciplinary scientists ever to assemble in north Louisiana.

The 40 plenary speakers are all discipline-leading researchers from the fields of physics, biology, chemistry, and mathematics. Among the distinguished speaker list are a Nobel Laureate in physics, the directors from several international research institutes, premier scientists from six different countries, and 14 faculty from Louisiana academe.

The conference also boasts the first regional demonstration of a new microscope technology created by Richardson Technologies, Inc., a Canadian microscope engineering company.

The group is assembling to present primary research in the context of interdisciplinary science, which is an emerging world-wide scientific trend. All major funding agencies and research corporations are facilitating interdisciplinary research in hopes of combining unique scientific perspectives to overcome the current limitations facing each individual discipline.

An event of this stature is a major boost for research and technology-based economics in this region," said Dr. Nathan Hutchings, assistant professor of biology at NSU and co-director of the symposium. "The conference will have a positive impact on academia, economic development, and workforce training in this region by promoting new interdisciplinary research collaborations, exhibiting the latest advancements in microscope technology, and by providing students and faculty cuttingedge knowledge of discoveries from some of today's most pressing scientific questions."

## ENTOMOLOGY FROM PAGE 1

hold this new class.

"It was part of our approach to trying to change the medical technology program to bring in more students," Bodri said. "Our idea was to incorporate forensics as a component into it. We have more and more students that are interested in doing crime scene investiga-

Bodri said the class consists of three lectures and one lab session each week. The lab involves the study of pig carcasses in the woods of the Grady Erwin History Reserve near NSU.

Bodri said the class started with

two dead pigs. "One is completely gone at this point, while the other one is still in a state of decay," Bodri said. "We go out at the beginning of every (lab) class to observe and collect

Monday, Bodri asked his class to stand several feet away from the carcass and remain silent, so that any insects or predators that may have been feeding on the corpse wouldn't be driven from the area.

He then asked the students to discuss what changes had occurred since their last visit a week before. One student, Robert Lockwood, noticed that part of the skeleton had changed.

"The jaw's been removed; I know the flies didn't do that," Lockwood said.

Obviously, a strong stomach is a prerequisite for this course. Medical technology major Tiffany Doucette said dealing with the insects living in a decaying pig is "not as nasty as you think it is. More than you're disgusted, you're amazed. It's interesting more than it's nasty."

Bodri said forensic entomology is useful in investigating a crime scene involving a dead body for two main reasons.

"The primary reason is to try to determine post-mortem interval," Bodri said. "How long has this person been dead?

"The second thing is location. In some instances you can prove that a body was moved, and you might even be able to tell where it was moved from, depending on what types of insects are on it. An entomologist is an expert witness if



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Michael Bodri (right) examines a decomposing pig carcass with members of his class Monday. The class observes and collects the insects around the carcass.

"Obviously, if one of your relatives was in a home and you went to visit them and they had maggots crawling around on them, you should, and I think you probably would, sue."

Michael Bodri

they go to court. They basically present the scientific evidence."

Although the class concentrates on forensic entomology as it applies to crime scenes, Bodri said the students are learning other applications of the science as well. He outlined three aspects of it.

First, urban entomology deals with insects associated with humans and their habitats. This area is useful in investigating lawsuits involving factors such as termite infestation.

The second aspect, he said, is "stored-products pests like flour beetles in your flour." Experts in this field are often used in food-

contamination lawsuits. Bodri said: "Then there's the medical criminal entomology, which is the insects that are typically associated with dead bodies, or live bodies, too. We deal with all

course is on medical criminal entomology. Most people associate forensic entomology with looking at insects on dead bodies. But it's not just that."

According to forensicentomology.com, the science can also be useful in investigating cases of abuse in children and neglect of the elderly. The Web site cites cases of parents intentionally using wasps and bees to sting their children as a form of punishment.

Bodri said: "People who live in old folks' homes, if they're not getting the proper standard of care, they can get infestation of their tissues with fly larvae. Obviously, if one of your relatives was in a home and you went to visit them and they had maggots crawling around on them, you should, and I think you probably would, sue."

In a case such as this, an entomologist would have to prove that the infestation was indeed due to neglect on the part of the nursing home, Bodri said.

And when it comes to corpses, forensic entomologists are not limited to examining humans.

"Poaching is a huge problem," he said "If you think someone poached a bear, you can use insects to determine time of death on that bear, and you may be able to place three aspects, but the bulk of the somebody at the crime scene."

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because "it's a theater thing and it's an important issue."

Bird said Lentz asked that those who auditioned were open with heir sexuality and comfortable and relaxed and wanted to do this kind

"I think we'll get a good response," Bird said. "I am wary of rrent Sauce whether or not people will take it seriously, but that's why we're trye she was ing to make it as real and serious as

> Lindsay Visicaro, junior theater major and cast member, voiced oth hopes and concerns about now students will react to the pro-

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"I think people actually will be uncomfortable," she said. "So, of course, there's going to be snickering, but hopefully it gets the message across so our campus will be a

On Wednesday the committee Health and P.E. Majors' Building will host the program "NSU Men Against Sexual Assault" at 7 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. Lentz said the program will be

for all men. "It's not just men sexually assaulting women," she said. "Rape can happen to anyone. One in four men are sexually assaulted

have been exploited, and monks

and nuns continue to be detained

Students for a Free Tibet is an

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> Contact info: Ciel Dafford 354-9539; Dr Greg Granger 357-4577

well and how to respond."

defense course for women.

Lentz said the week also will

The course will meet in the

include Rape Aggression Defense

Systems, a nine-hour basic self-

on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8

p.m., Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8

p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7

Lentz said women participating

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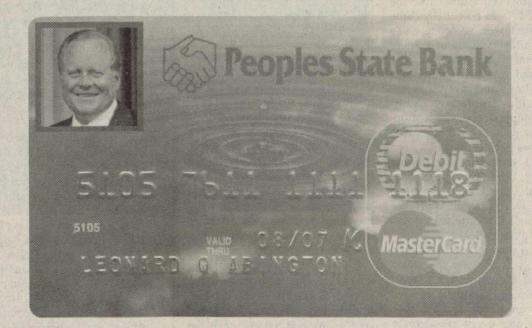
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## Bush's hypocrisy



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Bush and company have bashed Kerry over his inability to pick one side of an issue, magnifying the fact that he voted for the war with Iraq but against fund-

Poor Kerry is stuck with the politician's nightmare: trying to prove that he doesn't change his stance in response to voter opinion. So this week I'm turning the floodlight of Mr. Bush's own accusations back on him to show how his administration has not needed to flip-flop; the gulf between his words and actions widens every day as stated policies give way to partisan goals.

I speak, of course, of North Korea, the country the Bush administration wishes would stop screaming. Through three years of outlining and rabidly defending a policy of preemptive counter-terrorism, the administration has gone so far as to defend the invasion of Iraq on the grounds that Iraqi scientists knew how to build a nuke and could have passed on the information to terrorists. The Bush regime has quietly and persistently ignored the nuclear development of North Korea. This rogue nation, which Bush included in the socalled "axis of evil," now has the capability and the materials (in addition to simply the knowledge, which is available in the Q section of Watson Library) to construct nuclear weapons. At the time we went to war with Iraq,

North Korean ambassadors had actually admitted to the assistant secretary of state that they had a By J. Aaron uranium-enrichment program capable of producing six nukes in six months, and National Intelligence Estimate said that "Iraq probably would not be able to make a weapon until 2007 to

> So why did we bomb Baghdad instead of Pyongyang? That's the fun part, boys and girls! You see, North Korea told us of the uranium-enrichment program on October 4, 2002, about a week before Congress voted on the Iraq resolution. The Democrats weren't given this particular piece of intelligence, though, until October 17, far too late to change any votes for war. Even the head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who should certainly know about such activity immediately, learned of the news only two hours before the press did.

In this context, John Kerry's later vote on funding is even vaguely defensible, though still politically stupid. Watch the debates tonight. They'll be predigested, well-rehearsed, politely-mediated question-and-BS sessions, but watch anyway, and remember: your government lies to you, America, and they play politics with the truth.

Love me or hate me? I talk to everyone. Tell me all about it at saucefiller@hotmail.com

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### Cleaning bathrooms opens sinuses



By Savanna Mahaffey

I am a typical germophobe. I hate public restrooms, carry hand sanitizer in my bag and flush the toilet with my foot. My suitemates and I rotate out cleaning our bathroom, and it was my turn this past

I like to clean because it relieves stress. However, I don't like the idea that I could potentially come into contact with someone else's bodily fluids even though all of my suitemates are very clean.

So I slid my hands into some rubber gloves and sprayed everything with disinfectant spray. Then, I mopped. Newsflash: mopping first does not work because your shoes track dirt.

Next, I started on the shower and toilet. I didn't realize it at the time, but I used way too much bleach. My roommate said she could smell it all the way down the third-floor hall.

I took a shower later that night and got sick because the steam contained bleach, and it opened up my sinuses. I know I sneezed 25 times in a row, and I had to blow my nose every five seconds. When I woke up the next morning, it looked like I was gift wrapped in tissue paper because all of my used tissues were still in bed with me.

That is not a good situation for a germophobe. Still, I had to go to class even though I just did not

Since college, I had never taken advantage of being allowed to wear pajama pants to class. I decided to try it out by wearing my green cotton Dr. Seuss pajama bottoms all day, and it was fantastic. Ironically, people even told me that I was cute, which is not something I hear on a regular basis.

I had to wear uniforms in high school, and it was awful. I have been dressing comfortably since I graduated. There is no way I am going to walk around campus in high heels or a dress.

Sometimes jeans are even too uncomfortable. I hate the way blue jeans are made for girls. Even though some girls might enjoy it, I do not want to look like I airbrush my jeans onto my legs.

For the most part, I am very low maintenance. I shower, brush my hair and teeth, throw on something comfortable and head out the door. It takes me about 30 minutes. People take a double take when I actually take the time to fix my hair and put on makeup because it is such a rare occur-

It is actually pretty cool being able to go from one extreme to the other. It is like I have an alter-ego. It is just too bad one of me cannot stay in my bed asleep while the other goes to algebra at 8 a.m.

Savanna Mahaffey is a freshman journalism major. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

## Presidential debate: "scripted beauty contest"?

By Justin Shatwell

The two major candidates for the presidency of the United States will meet tonight for the first of 3 debates, or at least that is what we are told. Upon closer inspection of the rules, one discovers that the event scheduled for this evening is more of a candidate showcase than anything resembling a debate.

The lackluster quality of the event this evening is not surprising. Presidential debates in the past haven't exactly been the kind of rhetorical showdown that one would expect in a competition for the most powerful position in the world. However, this year's debates have reached a new level of ridiculousness that is nothing less than a slap in the face to that ever shrinking portion of the American people that actually care about the issues.

The rules governing this evening's festivities (which were

Student complains about

I am writing in concern to the

recent robberies in the parking lot

behind the Creative and Perform-

ing Arts building. For those who

many cars that were broken into

I, a performing arts student,

was in shock when I heard from

that car windows were broke,

wallets were stolen, and stereo

systems were taken. The victims

of these crimes were immediately

told to contact the authorities and

asked general questions and real-

ly did not assess the victims with

explain their situation. All the

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concern and sympathy. They

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As for an investigation, the

police notified the victims that

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No funds? Where the heck is the

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police so quick to write out tickets

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It really upsets me that with a

are willing take for themselves,

but in a bigger one (like the rob-

and act as if it does not apply to

beries) they shrug their shoulders

Aren't campus police here for

our safety? How safe is it when

our own police do not attempt to

help out the student, but the stu-

dents who make non-moving vio-

lations are required to fork out

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raised, mind you) and help the

In my opinion, our campus

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This is college, and not everyone

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"where the students come first?"

Sophomore music education

David S. Steele

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Dear Editor:

negotiated and agreed upon by both candidates) ban the two men from addressing each other. They are not allowed to ask each other questions or call on the other to make any kind of pledge or commitment. In fact, they are not even allowed to appear on camera at the same time. The two candidates will have so little interaction this evening that it will be difficult to tell that they are even in the same

Although this format is repugnant, it makes perfect sense politically. Generally, people are not interested in who is more intelligent or a quicker thinker. They do not care about the candidates' wit or ideas. Rather, people judge the winner of the debate based on who looks more "presidential." As proof, just think of the great debate mistakes of American history: Al Gore's visible sigh, which made him look snotty; George Bush Sr. checking his watch, which made him look disinterested; and

Richard Nixon not wearing make- artist of their choice and be sur up, which made him look like a zombie. Political analysts have sighted these instances as major mistakes that helped solidify their opponents' victories, not because it betrayed some inadequacy of that candidates plan for leading the country, but because it contradicted the pristine wax image Americans hold of what a president should be.

The aim of the event this evening is not to prove who is a better leader, but to give each candidate the chance to look as presidential as possible. The rules have been tailored to create this effect. Each candidate will only be on screen when he is speaking, removing the chance of stray sighs or gestures being caught on film. The candidates will not be shown standing. together, a major concern for the Bush camp since the taller candidate has won every election but one in the TV age. There are even rules ensuring that each candidate will have access to the make-up

plied with ample facilities to beau tify themselves for the camera.

What will we see this evening The best we could hope for is t candidates better explaining the stances on several issues, though doubt it. What is more likely is the pear Ta the moderator will lob a p dictable question over the plat Hi. I sa and the candidate will recite the jout love prepared remarks on that subject sticking to broad vague sound bits by friend that sound impressive but explain little. Afterward, the press w d crus have experts analyze their tone voice, word choice, and hand gesting for tures, and arbitrarily declare the my feeling lurting 1 party's candidate the winner.

So in short, if you want to water hing I wa a heavily scripted beauty contest tune in this evening. If you actual my crush ly want to learn about the issue that will affect the lives of million of Americans and countless other around the world, pick up a news paper and read it with a grain opear St

### Letters to the Editor

### Student reacts to Vicnair

On behalf of the 79% of Louisianans, who are backward homophobic rednecks, I would like to reply to Mr. Vicknair's letter in the September 23 edition of the Current Sauce. I would like to invite Mr. Vicknair to leave Louisiana if he is so unhappy with the moral and political beliefs of the fine people of this state. If he can't afford to leave, please contact me and I will give him a free ride to Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York or any other city where his views will be appreciated. I can't believe that a SENIOR in the SCHOLARS' COL-LEGE can only resort to name calling and stereotyping to make his point. Surely such an educated man can come up with something better than "redneck southerners." In short sir, "I know you are,

but what am I?" I am not homophobic. I have several acquaintances that are gay (or whatever the politically correct term of the week is); while I do not agree with their lifestyle, I feel it is their choice - not mine. However, I feel the concept of marriage has always been and should remain between a man and a woman. While I will not try to impose my religious beliefs on you, marriage is more or less a religious institution. All major religions (not just Christian religions) have established marriages between men and women. I am not aware of any religion that supports the union of two men or two women. Why should we change our beliefs and practices to support a known minority?

In Mr. Vicknair's letter, he compares the gay marriage issue to slavery and the equal right that black people fought for. To this I can only say, "HOW DARE YOU!!!" You have belittled the trials and tribulations that countless African Americans endured to the level of such a trivial cry for attention. Please Mr. Vicknair, get a life and please get more value out of the education that mommy and daddy are paying for. Your comparisons should offend and outrage every person whose ancestors have ever had to fight for the right to eat at a restaurant, drink from a water fountain, or ride on a bus. It offends me and I am not a minority

While I find Mr. Vicknair's letter repulsive, I believe there is a lot to be learned from it. The liberals don't believe in democracy. They believe they know what is best for us and they are going to "fix" society for us whether we want them to or not. They try to impose their beliefs on us at every turn, from gay marriage to gun control; they try to tell us we are not smart enough to make deci-

sions for ourselves. I say it is time for the conservatives to stand up and push back. We have shown that we are the majority (at least in the south) if we become as proactive as the liberals, we can stop the influx of liberal viewpoints and preserve our heritage of having at least some degree of common sense and moral value.

Lastly, this ole' guntotin' knucledraggin', Bible thumppin', butt scratchin', redneck would like to say, I am not sorry for my beliefs nor the beliefs of my fellow southerners. We have just as much right to our beliefs as anyone else. So Mr. Vicknair, I've got the truck warmed up. When is our road

> **Eric Cason NSU Sophomore**

### Student responds to Shatwell and Boudreaux

I agree with Mr. Shatwell's argument raised two weeks ago that marriage is a religious institution and, according to the separation of church and state, the government has no business making policy regarding religious practices. Marriage is only defined as a union between man and woman due to religious context, a consideration that should bear no weight in the creation of legal policy. According to the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The law banning gay marriage passed several weekends ago was a federally unconstitutional act constraining the right to practice religion freely in this country.

If you're wondering whether or not any religions would actually recognize a same sex marriage as valid the answer is yes, they exist. Yes, they already do acknowledge homosexual marriages as valid. They can also be found in this state. If you look really closely, they can even be found in this

Of course, gays and lesbians will continue to marry in Louisiana. It is an entirely foolish notion to think otherwise. Whatever imagined threat to the sanctity of heterosexual marriage opponents of gay marriage fear it is still there. It even calls itself by the name 'marriage.

Last week, Mr. Boudreaux admitted that he did not "want homosexuals engaged in longterm relationships to be 'married." He also said that his posi-

tion was perhaps because he is a conservative. I did not realize attraction that voting for big government to make policy on religious practices ght of d was a conservative action. How interesting interesting.

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Returning to my point, many homosexuals are already married and no amendment will change that. Mr. Boudreaux's forthcoming wedding will be "equated with the 'marriage' of two men or two women" whether he likes it or not. If that equation is a matter of his marriage being compared to a sure a loving same-sex couple that cares for, depends on, and trusts one another, then he should be glad for it. All the amendment has done is deny a minority of people equal economic rights

under the law. I must also take exception to Mr. Boudreaux's understanding of the economic gains of marriage. am a heterosexual uninterested in lese even having children. I suppose he intends to exclude me the right to leave my earthly possessions to leave my earthly possessions to my spouse should I die before her to lead. The some ran I am, after all, not an adequate and you breeder. Furthermore, he seems to torget that many homosexuals not only have children but are capable of conceiving new ones. stage and Artificial insemination is a viable option for lesbian couples.

Uncharacteristically, Mr. Boudreaux ends his letter on a rather liberally optimistic note. He supposes that "by the time [his] children are making decisions, this debate will be old hat and society will have moved past the small differences between a civil union and a marriage." It would almost have been a worthwhile statement had it not been followed up by, "for now [he does] not think homosexuals should be allowed to marry." Well, it is a wonderful thing when you implicate yourself in stifling the social progress of your own society. It saves the rest of us the trouble.

The gay couples that were maryour crus ried before the amendment came to a vote are still married, so I you may guess Mr. Boudreaux's hope that your boy the institution of marriage would not be changed has been rewarded. (What his marriage has to do mind that with anyone else's is beyond me, but whatever the case, marriage is over this the same). However, Mr. not want Boudreaux has prevented the gay your crus elderly gentleman whose husband just died without a will from inheriting the possessions that his of new pe partner left him. Congratulations.

Paul Jannise of them



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bage-soup-diet.com, this diet is

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~ Stumped

up a news a grain opear Stumped,

Ditch the boyfriend, and go for he hot crush, or better yet, keep both, neither has to know. I'm ust kidding, but honestly, how use he is a dose were you to this crush in he past? Was this a mutual ernment to attraction that never saw the is practices ight of day because one of you was involved? Or did you skulk on. How was involved. Or the pehind trees just to catch a nt, many plimpse of him and hide a shrine y married worshipping his hotness in the lack of your closet? In either change case, be aware that people tend orthcom- to romanticize what they do not wo men or have. Also, you are involved in a long distance relationship, which is a matter, an be extremely lonely at times. lam sure you do not feel quite as onely whenever your crush is nd trusts

First of all, let me ask you a question. Are you willing to give up what you have with your boyfriend for this crush? If the answer is no and your boyfriend makes you happier than you can top mulling over this issue right now. It is perfectly normal for narriage. I terested in else even if you are involved in a he right to dead. The trick is not to act on before her ton. Just because a guy is hot and you notice does not mean ne seems nosexuals you must instantly break up with your boyfriend. But if this attraction goes beyond the admiration stage and it is affecting your feels a viable ngs for your significant other, than you have a problem.

So, Stumped, if this is the point that you are at then there is no way to avoid hurting your boyfriend. It will hurt him more If you lie and stay with him while oved past you pursue your crush, and you are bound to get caught up in a langled mess. So it would be easer on you if you are just honest a worthand upfront with him from the beginning. You must let him know that you have feelings for someone else. The way you deal with this is up to the both of you. ning when You may either want to take a n stifling break from each other for a of us the while, and see other people, or just break it off completely. But before you do this, find out how were maryour crush feels about you. If he ent came wants nothing to do with you, you may want to rethink telling nope that ge would your boyfriend. Otherwise you may ruin a great relationship for rewardhas to do mind that if you are willing to yond me, break up with your boyfriend over this crush then you might d the gay your crush rejects you.

Right now, you are in college, and you are going to meet a ton of new people everyday and a lot ul Jannise of them are going to be very interesting and attractive. A lot of them will be really weird, too, but that is beside the point. If you are ready to settle down that is fine and it is great that you found someone who really captures Your attention. But be aware that this is one of the few times in your life that you will be virtualsurrounded by thousands of available guys your age, and it will be tough to stay loyal. Good luck and write me back to let me know how it all works out.

~ alkulak

Have any questions about life, Tell Tallulah and send her an e-mail at Currentsauce@nsula.edu.

# Diets: worth the weight?

Trendy diets take their place among NSU students

By Samantha Foley

Low-carb. Low-fat. Quick fix.

from a Shreveport obstetrics clinic,

says exercise is always the key to

staying fit, and people need to

choose a diet that fits their

A few popular diets among students are the Atkins Diet, the

South Beach Diet and the Cabbage

a four-phase eating plan in con-

junction with vitamin and mineral

supplementation and regular exer-

for health reasons and it was real-

ly successful," says senior journal-

ism major, Chelsea Smith. "They

could eat luxurious meals that

included steak and shrimp. It was

not a huge change in their regular

out carbohydrates. Northwest-

ern's Lady of the Bracelet, Alicia

Schulz, says her prior experience

with the Atkins Diet was unsuc-

cessful. "I hated it because it made

me dizzy and pass out," she says.

"If I don't have carbs I don't have

Another popular diet is the

South Beach Diet, created by cardi-

ologist Arthur Agatston. The diet

is neither low-fat nor low-carb; it

teaches dieters the right carbs and

the right fats, according to south-

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Some find this diet a bit easier to

Some dieters cannot live with-

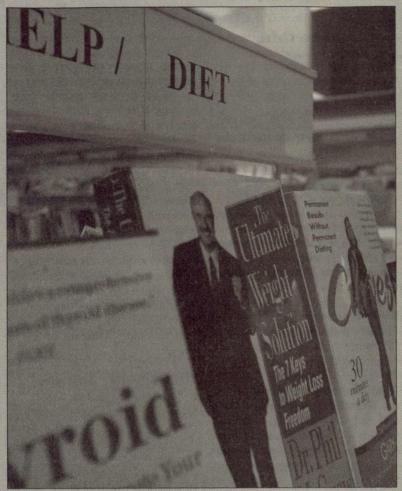
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Soup Diet.

Katie Haynes, a registered nurse

Sauce Reporter



### Three Phases of South Beach

Seven Days of Cabbage Soup

•Day three: Mix days one and vegetables as desired.

•Day four: Eat up to eight unsweetened fruit juices and veg-

etables.

· Phase one: Banish your cravings - three meals a day with two snacks, cut out bread, rice, potatoes, pasta, baked goods, fruits and alcohol

• Phase two: Reintroduce carbs add back the foods you crave

drink unsweetened teas, cranber-

bles as desired, including a baked

bananas and drink as many glass-

potato with butter at dinner.

•Day two: Eat as much vegeta-

ry juice and water.

little by little and very gradual-

• Phase three: A diet for life – the final phase lasts the rest of your life, eating normal foods in smaller portions

Source: www.southbeachdiet.com

### Four Phases of Atkins

- carbohydrate consumption to
- Phase two: Ongoing weight loss - Increase carbohydrates by five grams weekly until weight loss
- Phase three: Pre-maintenance -Make the transition from weight loss to weight mainte-

ments each week.

· Phase four: Lifetime maintenance - Select from a wide variety of foods while controlling carbohydrate intake to ensure weight maintenance and sense

cravings for sweets.

•Day five: Eat 10 to 20 ounces of

•Day six: Eat as much beef and

Day seven: Eat brown rice,

Source: www.cabbage-soup-diet.com

beef, up to six fresh tomatoes and

drink six to eight glasses of water.

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20 grams daily.

nance by increasing carbohydrate intake to 10-gram incre-

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## Students eat healthy on a budget

Sauce Reporter

Deep fat fried, triple cheese, gravy-smothered, and add bacon please!

Let's face the facts. It is cheap to eat what is bad for us. We get the message daily that good nutrition is critical for a healthy lifestyle, but is it really possible to have a filet mignon diet on a chopped beef

Juanice Moses, nutrition educator for the LSU Agriculture Center, said the answer is yes. The center has a detailed plan on how to manage meal money. Moses said there are several ways to save money when buying healthy foods, and they all center around smart planning. She said start by setting a food budget and planning meals for the week. Then make a list to help you remember what you need and keep you from buying what you do not. Check the newspaper for special buys and coupons. Moses said to compare unit prices and nutrition labels of similar items in the store.

Amanda Roberts, the clinical dietician at the Natchitoches Parish Hospital, said some basic staples, such as beans and rice, provide good nutrition, and few calories and grams of fat. Roberts said to buy large pieces of produce when it is sold per piece and small pieces when sold by the pound. She also said people should watch sale papers for deals on fresh fruit and vegetables. Canned vegetables are often a good value, but Roberts said rinsing them under cold water and re-covering them with fresh

water lowers the sodium content. Grain products are also inexpensive and contribute healthy fiber to

By EmmaLee Jordan the diet. Roberts said to buy whole wheat bread. She also said pasta is very healthy if vegetables and lowfat or fat-free dressing is added.

When buying meat, Roberts said the best choices are chicken, tuna, turkey or loin portions of pork and beef. She said shopping in the evening is a good idea because meat markets often mark down prices at the end of the day. Roberts also said substituting Canadian bacon or imitation bacon bits for regular bacon is another good idea.

Roberts said eating healthy can be more expensive, but the benefits outweigh the cost. She said,

"Making healthy changes in eating will save you money down the road in healthcare even it it's a dollar more expensive now," Roberts

Lucy Dowden, junior education major, said she is counting calories and cash. Dowden said she has some hints when it comes to eating healthy on a budget.

First, she tries not to eat out often because it can get expensive and usually is not very healthy. When she does eat out, Dowden said she chooses less expensive restaurants that offer low-fat choices, like Subway and Quizno's.

Dowden said she keeps her apartment stocked with canned vegetables and fruit, cereal and sandwich supplies. She said canned produce is less expensive than fresh, and has almost identical nutritional value.

Dowden said cereal is inexpensive and when the right choices are made, is low in fat, calories and sugar. Many cereals are also high in fiber. Dowden said her favorite cereal is Special K with red berries.

Sandwiches can be very healthy when made with proper ingredients. Dowden said she likes turkey,



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which is low in fat and high in protein. She also said whole grain bread is a better choice than white when making sandwiches.

When satisfying her sweet tooth,

Dowden said a smoothie does the "I like nonfat yogurt, milk and

strawberries," Dowden said. 'They're so good and a lot better for you than ice cream or cookies." Carly Williams, senior health

and exercise science major, said she is very health conscience. She said her kitchen is stocked with wheat pasta, fruit and frozen vegetables.

When at a fast food restaurant, Williams said she opts for a salad or grilled chicken sandwich. She said food is not the only thing to consider when trying to stay healthy. Williams said exercise plays a vital role in a healthy

"I exercise a considerable amount. I ride my bike, take weight-training class and aerobics class, use hand weights, walk the track and play IM sports," Williams said.

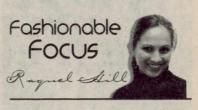
She said exercise is important for appearance and helps reduce the risk for disease. Williams said exercise also raises metabolism and increases muscle mass, which allows the body to burn more calo-

Students burn calories walking to Iberville, Vic's or the Rendezvous, but when they get there, what are the healthy choices?

Nutritionists say salad is an obvious choice for a healthy meal. It's a great way to load up on the recommended daily servings of vegetables. A good idea is to add some lean meat or eggs for protein and iron. Also, try not to ruin a good thing by adding a heavy dressing.

Wraps are also a healthy choice. Get lean meat on a wheat tortilla. Go light on the mayo, or replace it with a fat-free substitute like mustard or salsa. Pile on vegetables and you have yourself a meal.

It is always smart to be healthy, so keep these valuable tips in mind and it will be easy to watch your wallet and your waistline!



### Food is for beauty, not thought

Ok, so we all know that diet and exercise are the easiest way to maintain a healthy lifestylethat's a given; however, did you know that some of the foods that we eat everyday can be extremely harmful to your appearance? By appearance, I don't mean your shape; I mean your hair, skin, nails, teeth and eyes. Many times the mistakes we make in our diet can have a drastic effect on our how we look. Although physical appearance might not be your number one priority right now, the health of your appearance should be.

During the stressful time of studying for an important exam, you may be tempted to order a late-night pizza for sustenance. After scarfing the entire thing down, you will probably feel full, bloated and super-uncomfortable—but worst consequence does not come until you wake up in the morning. A massive collection of little creatures we all despise called bacteria collaborate with the grease from your previous meal and produce something we dread: pimples.

Keeping a healthy diet in your life is important to your complexion. By getting into a routine of drinking plenty of water, staying away from greasy foods like pizza or fatty hamburgers and keeping veggies on your appetite you'll keep your risk of clutter-ing your skin at a distance and possibly prevent some future skin diseases.

This week I hope to peak your interest with fruits, veggies and other mandatory elements for your diet.

Water:

This first element that I cannot stress enough about is water. Water is the purest beverage the human body can take in-know why? The human body is made up of between 45 and 60 percent water. Water helps keep the body hydrated, obviously, but it also does more than that. Drinking lots of water keeps your skin from shriveling—especially your face. Once your face starts shriveling, its only a matter of time before the wrinkles will appear. It is important to drink water to keep skin supple and moist, leveling out your complexion. Keeping water in your system also lessens your chance of a breakout—the fluid lets the impurities in your body flow out.

Kiwi:

This fruit looks a lot like a small brown fuzzy egg on the outside, but the inside is a sweet, delightful and green "meat." This fruit is a native of New Zealand and brings its exotic homeopathic benefits along with it. Kiwis are loaded with vitamin C, which helps keep your immune system strong; however is also helps keep your face full of pigmentation. Ever get the feeling that you are starting to look a little pale? Grab a nice fuzzy kiwi and enjoy!

### Avocados:

Many people might consider avocados a really fatty food, but look at it this way. Avocados are packed with unsaturated fats which are the "good" fats-so don't worry about the calorie or fat intake. According to the California Avocado Advisory Board, an 8-ounce avocado only contains 139 calories. It also contains high amounts of vitamin C, thiamine, riboflavin and potassium. Potassium helps prevent dermal (skin) bruising and also aids in healing bruises.

### **Dairy Products:**

For some folks, anything dairy can be severely harmful to their gastrointestinal system. For those people who CAN digest dairy products, I suggest adding

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anything like milk, cheese or yogurt to your diet. Milk and cheese contain protein which is vital for healthy muscle maintenance and to keep hair and nails shiny and smooth. Yogurt is really important for your facial complexion—it contains useful bacteria that keeps pores open and clear. Whatever dairy product you choose, know this: it all has massive amounts of calcium, which is vital for bone structure which includes teeth, keeping your chompers healthy and strong.

### **Tomatoes:**

According to the Food Network, tomatoes are members of the "nightshade" family which also includes the potato and eggplant. Tomatoes are rich in vitamins A, B and C, potassium, iron, phosphorus and lycopene. Lycopene is probably the most beneficial element found in these "love apples." Lycopene helps eyesight—it is a proven fact! Improving your eyesight helps bring out the gleam in your eyes.

Tuna is not just the chicken of the sea. Tuna has some really awesome elements in it that are really good for you. First off, it is packed with Omega-3 fatty acids which are great for preventing heart attacks and obesity. It also has more protein in it than beef does, which is great for your nails and hair--not to mention that it is also great "brain food."

These diet elements are not the only things that are great for you, but they are some of the most important. If you are wanting more information on food for beauty, go to www.food.com or grab the book "Beauty Food" by Dagmar von Cramm which is available at major bookstores.

If you have any questions or comments about fashion, trends, or products, contact Raquel at SaucyFashion@aol.com.

# When diets go wrong

The skinny on eating disorders and one student's success story

By Jonathan Newell Sauce Reporter

Being healthy does not necessarily mean being thin.

More than 35 percent of college women use bingeing and purging to control their weight, according to the American Psychological Association,.

However, about 10 percent of those with eating disorders are male, according to the Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders, Inc.

Eating disorders are complex conditions arising from a combination of long-standing psychological, interpersonal and social condi-

Scientists are still researching the primary causes for emotional and physical damages, although they know about some general issues that can contribute to developing eating disorders, according to the National Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Program. Eating disorders go beyond the issue of just food. People use food for emotional reasons, trying to relieve overwhelming issues in their lives.

### **Different Eating Disorders**

Eating Disorders such as anorexia, bulimia and binge-eating disorder include extreme emotions, attitudes and behaviors surrounding weight and food issues, which can have life-threatening conse-

Anorexia Nervosa is characterized by self-starvation and excessive weight loss.

"For me, it is easier to just say that when I had an eating disorder, I merely existed. Because we have the pressure of society to be thin, we diet and starve

> "Stephanie" a former bulimic

Symptoms include:

ourselves."

Refusal to maintain body weight at or above a minimally normal weight for height, body type, age, and activity level

Intense fear of weight gain or being "fat"

Feeling "fat" or overweight despite dramatic weight loss Loss of menstrual periods

Extreme concern with body weight and shape

Bulimia Nervosa is characterized by a secretive cycle of binge eating followed by purging. Bulimia includes eating large amounts of food-more than most people would eat in one meal-in short periods of time, then getting rid of the food and calories through vomiting, laxative abuse, or over-exerSymptoms include: Repeated episodes of bingeing

and purging Feeling out of control during a binge and eating beyond the point

of comfortable fullness Purging after a binge, (typically by self-induced vomiting, abuse of laxatives, diet pills and/or diuretics, excessive exercise, or fasting)

Frequent dieting Extreme concern with body weight and shape

Binge Eating Disorder (also known as compulsive overeating) is characterized primarily by periods of uncontrolled, impulsive or continuous eating beyond the point of feeling comfortably full. While there is no purging, there may be sporadic fasts or repetitive diets and often feelings of shame or selfhatred after a binge. People who overeat compulsively may struggle with anxiety, depression and loneliness, which can contribute to their unhealthy episodes of binge eating. Body weight may vary from normal to mild, moderate or severe

Other eating disorders can include some combination of the signs and symptoms of anorexia, bulimia and/or binge-eating disorder. While these behaviors may not be clinically considered a full syndrome eating disorder, they can still be physically dangerous and emotionally draining. All eating disorders require professional help.

### One Student's Breakthrough

"For me, it is easier to just s that when I had an eating disords and I was bulimic, I merely exist ed," said a former bulimic at NS referred to as Stephanie. "I functioned at a high enough lev to go to school, to work, go hom and deal with my eating disorder

She would go to bed knowin that when she got up the next d the same cycle would repeat itse She wanted to stop starving herse and improve her life, but the cycle was overpowering, she said.

"It was not a choice for me senior mic Stephanie says. "It was something that I had to do, and I pretty muc. hated my life because of it."

Stephanie is disgusted that women and men are pressured t look a standard way - thin. Every where you look, she says, mage zine covers, TV shows and movie depict the stereotypical images of lean men and thin women.

"Because we have the pressure of For society to be thin, we diet and Southlar starve ourselves," she says. match,

Stephanie is now fully recovered Lady De and working toward a degree ir sweep, t communication. She recommend the Loui seeking some form of counseling ans here and medical help for anyone suf Shann fering from an eating disorder. 13-2) wit Belo and

### **Getting help**

For help or information, call the won co Office of Counseling and Career and 30-2 Services at 357-5621 during office "We're hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In an right now emergency, contact the University Police at 357-5431 and ask them to the char contact a counselor for you.

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## General eating disorder statistics

Over one person's lifetime, at least 50,000 individuals will die as direct result of their eating disorder. straight

• 0.5%-3.7% of females suffer from Anorexia Nervosa

•1.1%-4.2% of females suffer from Bulimia Nervosa in their lifetime

• 2%-5% of the American population experience Binge Eating Disor-

• 10%-25% of all those battling anorexia will die as a direct result of the eating disorder

• Up to 19% of college aged women in America are bulimic

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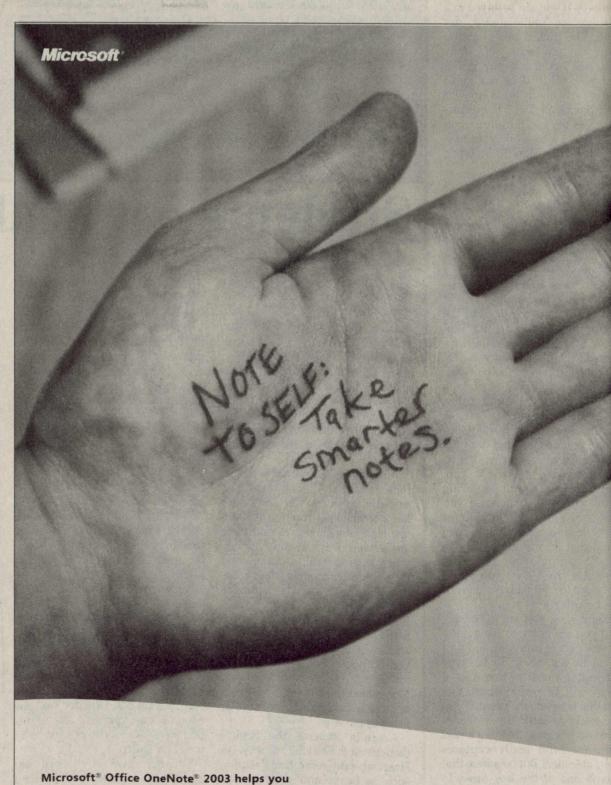
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we diet and Southland Conference volleyball match, the Northwestern State lly recovered Lady Demons picked up a 3-0 a degree is sweep, this time at the expense of recommends the Louisiana-Monroe Lady Indif counseling ans here Tuesday night. anyone suf Shannon Puder led NSU (7-7, (3-2) with 11 kills while Flavia Belo and Whitney King each had

and Career and 30-26.

"We're playing extremely well right now," said NSU head coach with now," said NSU head coach e University Leigh Mullins. "We knew we had ask them to the chance to come in here and get a good win. Now we get to return home for a couple more

**Sports Information** 

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This is the first time in the volleyball team has won three ng disorder, straight conference matches.

The Demons will return to ct result of action on Friday when they host McNeese State in a 7 p.m. match in Prather Coliseum. The first 200 people get a free hamburger at

NSU will turn around and host Lamar at noon Saturday.

emons hit win streak By Justin Hebert kills with 31 at Centenary Col-

Sauce Reporter

In what was a big weekend for NSU athletics, the Lady Demons volleyball team came up huge in their first two home matches of this season.

Northwestern defeated the defending Southland Conference State other players to sweep the two champion Nicholls Colonels 3-0 Friday night, in front of almost 400 fans in Prather Coliseum. They continued Saturday to blank the Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions 3-

The Lady Demons improved their record to 6-7 overall and evened their Southland Conference record to 2-2 with the wins over Nicholls and Southeastern.

Both Nicholls and Southeastern entered their games this weekend undefeated in SLC play.

Friday was a reunion night for NSU volleyball alumni, as the Demons dominated the Colonels with a strong performance from freshman outside hitter Whitney

King compiled 15 kills in the match including kills for the final four points. Two weeks ago, she also tied the school record for around him so NSU athletics can receive the most support possible.

himself and better the fans It is an extremely tough but

Just pretty much like any athlete

Vic works hard all year to better

would.

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Sophomore Janel Fisher, who

had 13 kills, and senior Beth

Freeland, who had 10 kills, led

NSU against Southeastern to win

the three games 30-22, 30-27 and

NSU also got help from many

games of their opening home

Duarte, delivered 21 kills and 29

digs, while, senior libero Ashley Hadley hustled to total 34 digs in

the two games. Junior Flavia

Belo added 43 assists to her stats

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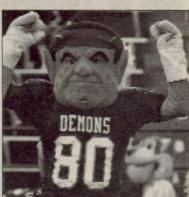
exciting job, and the rewards are always reaped in the end.

In March, during the NSU and Duke game at the Women's NCAA Tournament, Vic got really crazy, as the NSU Band, who he says is his greatest compliment, played "Shout It Out."

Vic stole the spotlight from the Duke Blue Devil as he danced, jumped up and down and ran through the crowd.

Vic received what could be his greatest compliment from an ESPN camera crew who had been covering events for twenty years.

"The ESPN camera crew came up to me and said I am the best mascot they have ever seen in their lives. That just made my head swell. It was awesome man, it's awesome," Vic said.



Cheryl Thompson / the CURRENT SAUCE Vic the Demon celebrates at a game.

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week's game was the field goal unit and NSU's lack of scoring in the third and fourth quarter.

The Demons have scored only seven points in the second half in four games this season.

We have got to get consistent in the second half of football games," Stoker said. "We don't stay focused throughout the game and we are just not a good thirdquarter football team."

The field goal kickers are a combined three for nine on field goals. Demon kicker Josh Storrs missed an extra point and a field goal last weekend while Tommy Hebert hit a 34-vard field goal, his first of the season.

The Demons are also banged up, so several key players will not play this week.

Some injured players are cornerback David Pittman, defensive lineman Gary Wesley, running backs Sampson, Johnese and A.J

Franklin and tight end Mark Morris. There are several other Demon players hurt, but all are probable.

"We are worried about injuries and we are really banged up this weekend," Stoker said. "We are not for sure how long some of these injuries will last but hopefully guys will step up for us. Some things might go bad when you mismatch guys but that is what we have to do.

Kickoff time for this week's game is at 4 p.m. Students should remember to get their free tickets before the game and no umbrellas are allowed in the stadium.

**NSU 40, ASU 35** 

The NSU Demons withstood a late second half rally by the Appalachian State Mountaineers to pick up their third win of the season 40-35.

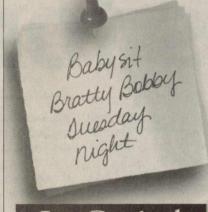
The Demons won the contest between the nationally ranked teams thanks to a 31-yard first half offensive outburst.

Then the second half rolled around and the Demons forgot to show up as the Mountaineers scored on their first two possessions to make the game interest-

The game came down to a final drive by Appalachian State as the Mountaineers were down by five. The Demons blitzed quarterback Richie Williams on a fourth down conversion and sealed the win for

NSU was led by their running game as the Demons finished with 381 yards rushing on 61 carries. The Demons had 538 yards of total offense.

Quarterbacks Connor Morel and Davon Vinson combined for 15 of 25 passes for 157 yards with two touchdowns.



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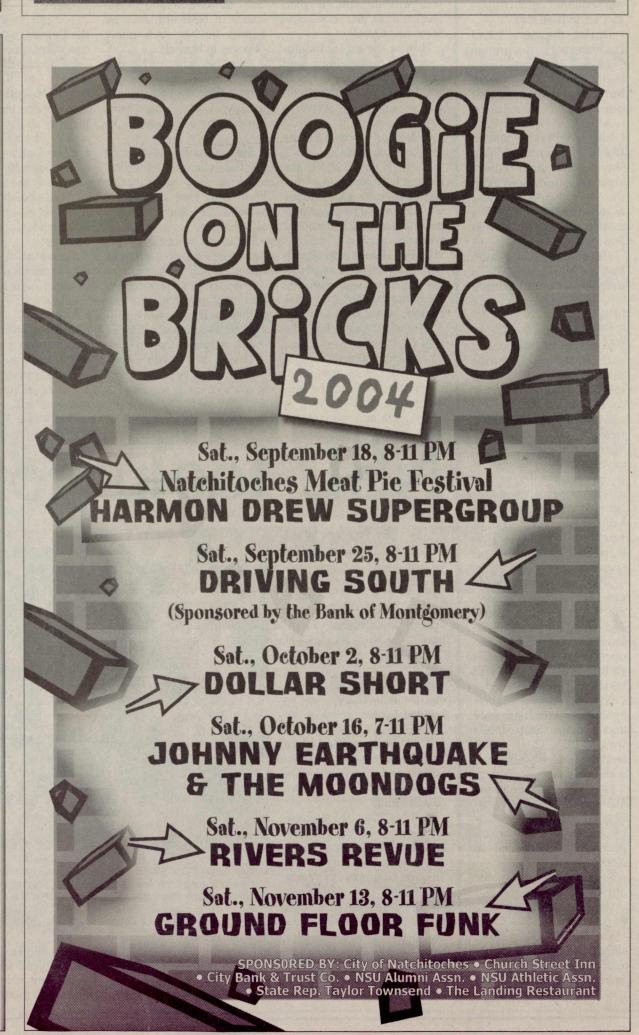
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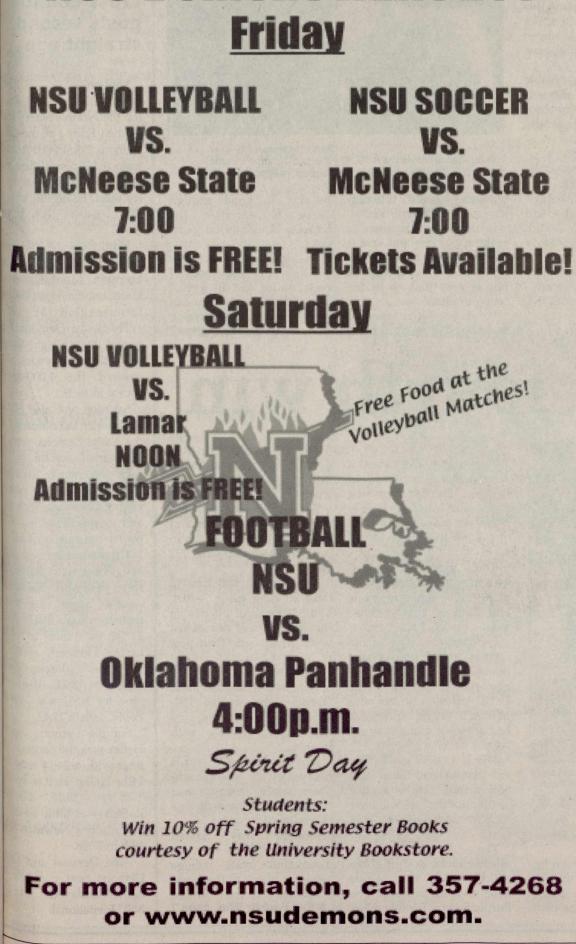
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## **NSU Demons Athletics** Friday







Michael McCorkle The Way I See It

## Close victory

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If all NSU football games are like the one against Appalachian State, I am not sure I will physically be able to handle watching another game.

NSU's 40-35 victory over Appalachian State was definitely one of the craziest games I have seen in my college career. If you did not see the game, then I will tell you why I needed aspirin afterward.

NSU dominated Appalachian State in the first half like they were a junior college intramural team.

We out gained the Mountaineers offensively 349-99 yards in the half, and our running backs were acting like Emmitt Smith in his glory days.

At one point, NSU was up 31 points and sitting However, Appalachian State scored on a long drive right before halftime, and I began to feel uneasy about the situation.

The offensive explosion of Appalachian State and NSU's inability to move the ball or stop them in the second half made the game much closer than it should have been.

The Mountaineers scored on their first two possessions and things started to look bad.

During the game I had flashbacks of the movie "Rocky:" NSU pummeled them like Apollo Creed, but ASU just would not

quit. quarterback Richie Williams played like his life was at stake in the second half. I was especially impressed with the 89-yard pass he threw to receiver Davon Fowlkes to cut the lead down to

He was cool and calm, but in the end, NSU's defense saved the day with a fourth down sack of Williams.

NSU cannot expect to win the Southland Conference championship if they play like they did in the second half. I do not want to downplay the heroic effort that NSU showed when their backs were against the wall, but it never should have gotten to that point.

When championship teams build big leads they keep the game out of reach. NSU just needs to learn how to be more consistent.

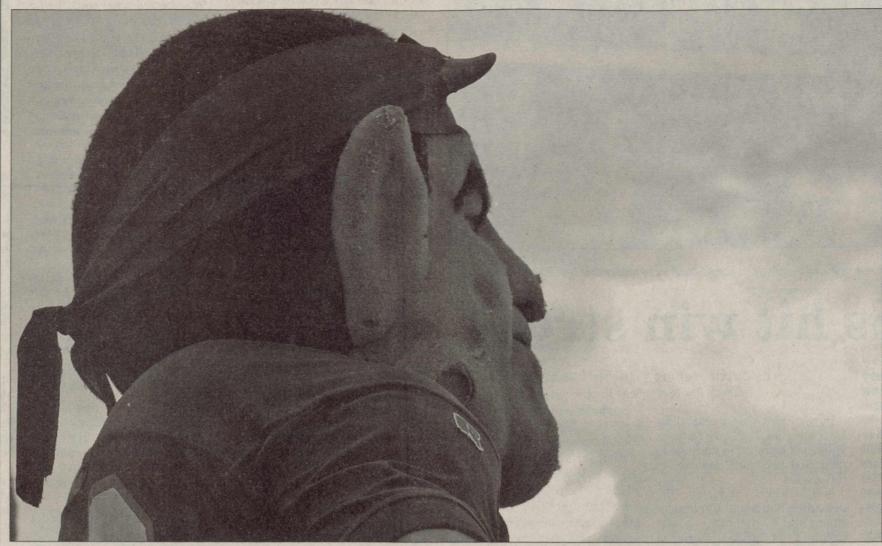
NSU cannot blow leads against Nicholls State, Stephen F. Austin and McNeese State. The Southland Conference is wide open this year, and NSU's ability to hold leads will be vital.

NSU's close games against Appalachian State and Jackson State (NSU won 28-20, but blew a 21-6 lead) should serve as wake-up calls.

Here is a message to the team. You guys are a really good and are fully capable of winning the championship, but this needs to

Ram the ball down the opponent's throat and make 'em cry with the Purple Swarm.

The heart that you all showed on Saturday is big and worthy of a title. Play smart, hard football and good things will happen.



Vic the Demon watches a home football game at Turpin Stadium where he roams the sidelines. Vic likes to excite the crowd and to get the Demon faithful on their feet.

# Vic is for Victory!

Sauce Reporter

He came into existence 82 years ago as a result of a student contest that had a \$10 grand prize.

His name originated in a student contest 22 years ago, in which the grand prize was an all-expense paid weekend at the Louisiana State Fair Classic.

He was created for the students, by the students, and he exemplifies the essence of what every NSU student, from a slow, droopy demon, athlete and coach strive to obtain.

"Vic is for victory," Vic the Demon exclaims!

That's right, it is Vic the Demon who has been part of the heart and soul of this University and has bled purple and orange for almost 82

Under University President V.L. Roy and coach H. Lee Prather, the demon that everyone in this town has

come to welcome was born. Almost 62 years later, he was finally given his name by an NSU alumni.

By Justin Hebert the Demons, and, as all great ple, steal hats, steal purses, I mascots should, the more he gets people going, the further he goes

> "The more the crowd acts, the more Vic can act," Vic said. "So, the more hype the crowd gets, the more hype I

Although Vic has always been the one demon in the hearts of NSU students, he admits he has seen many changes in himself.

"Vic has changed a lot over the years. I've changed to now I am a big, buff, hyperactive demon," he

But no matter how much he has changed, the Vic everyone here has come to know and love is still the same little devil he has always been.

He is the same Vic everyone sees running up and down the sidelines at games or pep rallies, picking on fans and players, dancing with cheerleaders and bringing smiles and laughs to all

of the people in the crowd. "To get the crowd on their Vic has been working feet and everything, I get many years to get the stu- into cheers with cheerleaddents and fans of NSU to ers," Vic said. "To make the cheer, yell and scream for crowds laugh I pick on peo-

mean, just something a little devil would do.'

Another passion of Vic's, if you haven't noticed, is dancing.

"I love to dance. I dance a lot. A lot of people think it is funny. A lot of people get up and start dancing with me,"

You can always expect Vic the Demon to be up to some sort of mischief.

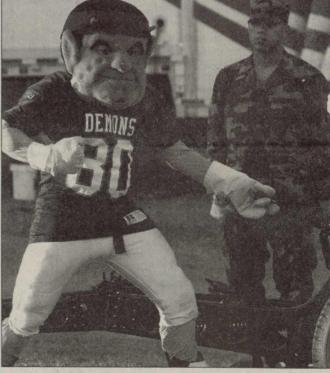
He admits that at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette football game this year he managed to make his way to the big UL bush sign on their field and gave it a few kicks.

Although he is a loveable mascot to the kids and fans of NSU, he shows no love for other mascots, especially Southland Conference rival mascots.

"I really want to take down the lumberjack. I do not like Stephen F. Austin -Stephen F. Austin and Vic "Rowdy Cowboy - Rowdy is going down."

Vic said there was no competition from the Appalachian State Mountaineer this past weekend.

"He was an old man pret- and a health-conscious mind



Vic the Demon helps the ROTC fire the cannon after a Demon touchdown. Vic likes to run around and act mischievous.

ty much," he said. "He didn't wanna mess with Vic." nothing but fun and smiles for Vic the Demon, but he said that it is not always as fun as you think to be the center of attention.

It takes a lot of exercise

to stay in good enough shape to entertain the It may seem like there is crowds, especially on game

> "Being Vic is very, very strenuous on your body. I pretty much rest all week," Vic said. "Before I go out there, I drink a lot of water.

■ See **Demon**, page 7

## NSU looks for fourth win

By Patrick West Sports Editor

The NSU Demons look to extend their three-game winning streak this Saturday against the Oklahoma Panhandle State Aggies at Turpin Stadium.

After NSU's win last weekend against Appalachian State, the Demons jumped up five spots in the Division I-AA Top 25 polls.

NSU is now ranked 14th in the Sports Network's media voting and 15th ranked in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll.

Besides the three-game winning streak, the Demons also look to improve their 22-game regular-season Turpin Stadium winning streak vs. non-conference visitors dating back to 1994.

The Demons are also trying to post back-to-back-toback 40 point or better scoring totals for only the second time in school history.



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce Demon fullback Issa Banna hurdles over corner back Jerome Touchstone and lands on the one yard line against Appalachian State. The Demons beat the Mountaineers 40-35 at Turpin Stadium.

shut down the visiting Aggies, beating OPSU 59-0

Purple Swarm Defense allowed minus one Last season, the Demons yards and one first down, taineers to minus nine yards Purple Swarm is ranked No.

then a Southland Conference record.

That record was broken last weekend when the Purple Swarm held the Moun-

The Aggies have turned it around since that blowout loss, winning seven of their last nine under former Nebraska player and graduate assistant coach Ryan The Aggies are ranked

16th in rushing offense averaging 245.6 yards per game and 24th in total offense averaging 430.2 ypg. Quarterback Ty Sellers

who is ranked 18th in total offense with a 272-yard average per game leads the OPSU offense. Sellers was injured in the first quarter of last season's game and the Aggies never recovered. "He is a really good play-

er," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said. "He is a great competitor and we will have to play aggressive to stop him."

The defense looks to shut down Sellers and the Aggie defense again this year. The

1 in Division I-AA rush defense after allowing minus 24 yards the past

The Demons are allowing a meek 46.3 rushing ypg and are ranked fifth nationally in total defense, allowing 232

The Demons will look to their running game, which had 381 yards of offense on the ground on 61 carries last week to help carry them past the Aggies.

Both Demon running backs Shelton Sampson and Derrick Johnese had 100yards rushing in the first half before leaving with injuries.

Johnese had 125 yards rushing with one touchdown while Sampson had 109 yards rushing with one touchdown.

Johnese named Purple Swarm Louisiana Sports Writers Association state college offensive player of the week.

The only blemish in last ■ See Fourth Win, page 7

### This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Burea

### **TENNIS**

### Tennis wins in opening week. end

Highlighted by a 9-8 (7. win from Anneline Zerwi and Alexandra Nieto in t No. 1 doubles against t host school, Northwester State took five of six do bles matches Sunday wrap up a successful season debut at Arkansas-Little Rock F Invitational tennis tourn

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Zerwick-Nieto prevail over Parekh Bindiya a Negrete Rosario of UAL Magali Van den Bergh a First I rookie Marcia Alcanta to be rolled over Katie Proke Aspiring and Ellie Vicary in the No. match, while Catalina Vill American gas and Camila Prado we seeking th narrow 8-6 losers at No. 2 UALR's Burgeon Laetit at Boogie and Barbara Aldredge. Renn Ardo

The Lady Demons swe with the J their doubles match urday night against Central Arkansa Zerwick-Nieto breezed 8 at No. 1 over Maja Kovac Abbington and Toral Pareckh. Villega 2071. The Prado posted an 8-5 win 16 years No. 2 over Danijela Bo danovic and Milio Natchitoch Radovic. Van den Berg place rece Alcantara gave NSU an stime in a blanking of Kirby Cro be placed and Jenna Malloy.

NSU defeated Arkans State, Central Arkansas ar Oral Roberts during three-day tournament b UALR took five of six si gles matches with the La Demons Saturday to t that match.

### Cross Country posts second straight win

Sophomore Salomon led a 1-2-3 fini O'Kelly s for the Northwestern Sta women Friday as the La She worke Demons dominated a for 0'Kelly sa team field to win their se she tried to ond consecutive cross cou try meet, taking the title Her pla the Louisiana Tech Invi many peo

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five of the top eight finis platform a ers, led by Salomon, w covered the 4,000-me course in 16:23. Salomon was also NSI Smith top runner last Saturday

Louisiana-Lafayette. In the men's division ULM won with 28 poin edging Louisiana Tech and outpacing NSU

the Lady Demons won

over a four-mile course. The Lady Demons' s ers, along with Salom were Margeaux Fisher, seconds behind her tea mate in second place; B ka Johnson, third in 16 Lesley Lambert, sixth 17:33 and Marcie Walfaculty do eighth in 18:24. Also TV, I'll have ning for NSU was Wen

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The Demons and La Demons next compete home Monday, Oct. 4 in NSU Invitational.

## **Morning-after pill:**

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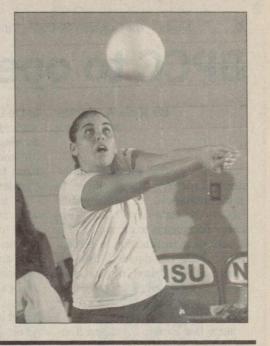


## **Lady Demons hit** winning streak

Volleyball sweeps it clean against McNeese and Lamar.

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# RRENT SAUCE



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### Sauce on the Side

### sario of UAL den Bergh a First round of Natchitoches Idol rcia Alcanta to be held next Saturday Katie Prok

Aspiring singers in the central Louisiana area could be ary in the No. named the next Natchitoches Idol. Based on the e Catalina VII "American Idol" television series, local sponsors are nila Prado we seeking the best singer-entertainer in the area.

The first round of competition will take place Oct. 16, rgeon Laeti at Boogie on the Bricks in downtown Natchitoches. Renn Ardoin, the first Natchitoches Idol, will perform Demons swe with the Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs on Satbles match urday night.

Anyone interested in competing for the title of Natchitoches Idol should contact Gloria Young or Julie r Maja Kovad Abbington at People's State Bank at 352-9089 or 256areckh. Villeg 2071. There is a \$25 entry fee. Participants must be d an 8-5 win 16 years of age or older.

Danijela Bo The final winner will be announced at the Annual and Milic Natchitoches Jazz and R&B Festival April 2, 2005. First an den Berg place receives \$300 in cash and up to four hours free ave NSU an time in a recording studio to record a demo, which will f Kirby Croi be placed in the hands of at least two record companies in Nashville.

**City of Natchitoches** 

### ts during Student wins Miss City of Lights

year's Christmas Festival queens. Lauren O'Kelly, senior second-

An NSU student is one of this

ary education major, was crowned Miss City of Lights 2005 on Sept.

As Miss City of Lights, O'Kelly will have the honor of being the first to turn on the Christmas lights in November. She will ride in NSU's LAUREN O'KELLY Homecoming parade as well as the Christmas Festival parade.

O'Kelly said she was not expecting to win the pageant day as the La she worked hard practicing her talent, tap dancing. minated a foll O'Kelly said even though she made one minor mistake o win their state tried to keep smiling and not let the people know.

Her platform is suicide prevention, which she feels is na Tech Invigual very important issue because suicide is something many people deal with at some point in their lives.

stern had a ne Prizes for winning the pageant include a full-tuition e of 20 to outr scholarship to NSU for one year, and \$1000.

"When I was little," O'Kelly said, "I saw Miss City of College (75) a lights and thought 'I'm going to be her."

Her advice about competing in pageants is: "It is a y Demons h wonderful opportunity to meet other girls, get out your top eight finis platform and make money for school."

Jennifer Nola

### was also NSI Smith named music coordinator last Saturday



has taught at NSU for 28 years, was recently promoted to music coordinator.

Professor Tony Smith, who

Director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts Bill Brent said he decided that he needed help, so he offered the position to Smith, who accepted the position because he wanted to help the music faculty further their excellent teach-

TONY SMITH

"If I can help the music Marcie Walaculty do what they do best, which is teach beautiful-18:24. Also 19, I'll have done my job," Smith said.

ISU was Well Before NSU, Smith was the principle oboe player in Ne Navy band in Washington. However, he said his Demons, Aalambition in life was to teach at college. After applying s the second to several colleges he was offered a job at NSU. One a 24:14 time reason Smith said he was glad to take the job was his ip Hattaway Parents live three hours away in Hope, Ark. Also, his 25:17, Gide Wife teaches History at NSU. Smith said the best thing as 18th in 25 about his new position is that he does not have to stop w Newman to greatest love, teaching.

Corey Chase

## **Future parking** rules to favor juniors, seniors

**By Courtney LaCaze** Sauce Reporter

The University Traffic and Parking Committee met Tuesday to discuss the new parking regulations for next school year, and juniors and seniors might soon have the upper hand concerning parking.

Under a new program implemented by the SGA, anyone classified as a junior or senior by the University will be assigned parking lots according to their major. When the assigned parking areas are full, students will park in overflow parking areas by Prather Coliseum.

Residents already have designated parking areas, and with the new plan, freshman or sophomore commuters must park at Prather Coliseum.

In 2006, NSU faculty and staff are expected to have new parking areas.

The SGA passed the bill last spring, but due to late communication and timing, the University Police had already ordered the existing parking tags so implementa-

tion of the program was pushed back a year.

Jeff Mathews, SGA adviser and chairman of the Traffic and Parking Committee, said implementing new parking rules will be a lengthy process done in steps.

This year, NSU residents were the first to see the changes. Next fall, new parking tags will be issued to students according to classification and major.

University Police Chief Rickie Williams said parking has always been a problem, and he has high hopes for the new program.

Williams said the main problem with traffic at NSU is students changing parking areas between classes.

SGA Sen. Matt Bartley said NSU is one of the only universities without strict parking regulations. At some universities students cannot park on campus.

Students must park in assigned lots between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Students not in their designated parking area or the overflow lot will be subject to tickets and fines by the University Police.

### Greek drama starts season



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE

During a production of "Antigone" Sunday at NSU's outdoor Greek theater, Haemon (Bryan Lee) argues with his father Creon (Jamaal Hill) while the Choragos (Liz Maxwell) watches. Haemon is arguing against the future execution of his fiancee, Antigone. Senior theatre major Tabatha Roy directed the play. Roy said she took a minimalist approach to the lighting design of the play, which was mostly lit with tiki torches. "Antigone" was the first theater production this semester.

## SGA refuses to invite feminist speaker

Editor in Chief

The SGA senate overwhelmingly disapproved a times make male audiences proposal to invite a feminist speaker to NSU.

Academic Affairs Commissioner Shantel Wempren proposed a resolution to bring Gloria Steinem to NSU as part of the Distinguished Lec-

was actively involved in human, civil and women's al wrestler and conservative rights liberation in the 1960s speaker Warrior are male, "it and 70s. The resolution pro-might be interesting to hear

By Victoria Smith posed offering Steinem someone for the women." every other year. Sauce Reporter \$10,000 to speak at NSU. Elaine Broussard Wempren said Steinem's usual fee is \$15,000.

At the meeting, Wempren said that Steinem may someuncomfortable, but she argued that the majority of the NSU student population

Wempren said considering that the two speakers that visited NSU last year, consumer advocate and current presi-Steinem is a feminist who dential candidate Ralph Nader and former profession'Steinem is controversial,

but controversy puts people in the chairs," Wempren said. Before the meeting, the Fiscal Affairs Committee unanimously opposed the resolution.

SGA Treasurer and Fiscal Committee Chairman, Beau Boudreaux said he is concerned about draining the Distinguished Lecturer budg-

Boudreaux suggested that the SGA focus on bringing smaller speakers to NSU who demand less money for their visits and only bring in larger, more expensive speakers

thing," Boudreaux said. "If we spend that much this year, we will have to start all over with the budget." Student Affairs Commis-

sioner Matt Bartley opposed bringing Steinem to NSU because he said she blames society's problems on "white male dominance."

"She has the right to express her opinion," Bartley said. "I just don't feel this is

the right place to do it." Wempren said she was disappointed that her resolution did not pass. She said that she and her committee "will

start from scratch and find "It's a delayed gratification someone that's not as good for less money." New members of the sen-

ate, Natasha Bennett, Becky Norton and Brian White, were appointed and sworn in at the meeting. All applications for Organi-

zational Grants are due on Oct. 15 and Meet Your Senator Day is Oct. 26.

Next week is Homecoming week at NSU, and the SGA is sponsoring Campus Spirit Day on Wednesday. Students are encouraged to wear purple to show their school spir-

Special to the CURRENT SAUCE Stephen Rachal writes a parking ticket as part of his student job.

### Policing ourselves

### Students write tickets to students

By Victoria Smith writers has allowed patrol Sauce Reporter

Students are writing more

than research papers this allowing the campus police semester; some are writing parking tickets. The SGA created the new

police officers, who previously spent most of their patrol time writing tickets.

SGA President Mindy McConnell said: "There was not University funding for Stephen Rachal and Randall more police officers. Student ticket writers write tickets in order to help provide student jobs and to help the police do their main job.

having the student ticket bother Ferguson either.

officers time to do other things. The ticket writers can work 80 hours a month to have more time to focus on other patrolling aspects.

"They might come in and student job to assist campus work for an hour," Lt. Racal said. "They work in between classes. They fill in their own schedules and come in and work them."

Student ticket writers Ferguson both enjoy the job. Rachal said he hopes to be a state trooper so he is gaining experience by writing tickets. Ticketing students who are Lt. Donald Racal said that illegally parked does not

"I'm a student, too, and I know how hard it is to find a parking spot," Ferguson said. "But when somebody does something that they aren't supposed to do, I'm going to write them a ticket.'

Racal said that at the beginning of every semester, many ticketed students file appeals, because they do not know the rules. He said he expects about a third as many appeals next week.

In order to avoid tickets, students can find the Campus Parking and Driving Regulations pamphlets in the University Police station. They outline the rules for campus car movement and parking.

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## BPCC to open branch on NSU'S campus

As the coming selective admissions standards draw closer to implementation, universities around the state have been trying to develop means to provide access to four-year institutions to all students. NSU has decided, through their push to admit transfer students, to set up a branch of Bossier Parish Community College on the Natchitoches campus.

Since last spring, President Randall Webb and Anthony Scheffler, university provost, have been talking with members of the BPCC administration to develop a branch of BPCC on NSU's campus.

The plan is to have a BPCC facility on the main campus, which will allow students wanting to attend NSU to do so regardless of selective admissions. Scheffler said the University wants to provide access to NSU to anyone who wants to come

Fuel from the debates is heating

up the presidential race, but Amer-

icans are still divided on who the

next Commander in Chief should

At NSU, students' opinions

range from being apathetic and

uninformed to passionate and

knowledgeable, and no two are

Shermaine Evans, a senior biolo-

gy major from Alexandria, regis-

tered to vote in Natchitoches Mon-

day at the College Democrats

Membership Drive in the Student

Monday was the last day to reg-

"I already had the forms in my

room, but I never had a chance to

Although he is unsure who he

will vote for, Evans said he is lean-

ing toward democratic candidate

ister for the November elections.

mail them off," Evans said.

exactly alike.

John Kerry.

By Kyle Shirley

Sauce Reporter

By Kyle A. Carter to the University. He said for those Wilkins said the branch in Natchistudents who could not meet the admissions standards, having a presence of BPCC here still allows them to enter the University as a transfer student from BPCC

"It is a convenience for people who can't go to Shreveport but want to be able to enter a four-year university," Scheffler said. "It is just an opportunity for people regionally to experience the college life before entering a four-year uni-

Webb said the plan is part of a whole process to ensure that the University enrolls the best possible students. Despite the admissions standards coming in the fall of 2005, he said the University still wants people to know that they have options before they give up all hope of entering the University.

We want to attract students who want to go to NSU," Webb said.

Stan Wilkins, vice-chancellor for academic affairs for BPCC, said BPCC is only developing a branch of the community college here.

"It's all about who is a good

speaker and who can persuade you

to vote for them," Evans said. "I

watched the debates the other

night, and I liked what Kerry said.

It's not just because he's a democ-

On the other hand, Ashlie Fisher,

a senior general studies major from

New Orleans, is registered in

Natchitoches and plans to vote for

President George W. Bush. Fisher

acknowledged that her decision is

not definite, but said, "I don't think

likely cast their votes for either the

Republican or Democratic candi-

dates, some voters choose to sup-

port lesser-known third party can-

not vote for Bush or Kerry.

major from Covington, said he will said.

Ryan said he originally regis-

tered in Covington, but recently

switched his registration to Natchi-

Although most Americans will

I'll change my mind."

toches would only offer enough classes to meet the core requirements needed for enrollment into a four-year university as a transfer student. This state requirement has been set for 12-hours of non-developmental courses to allow student enrollment as a transfer student.

'We are helping Northwestern better prepare those who want to enter into the University," Wilkins

Scheffler said the plan with BPCC has not been to develop a full community college setting in Natchitoches, but to provide a streamlined process for transferring and enrolling of students into NSU as from a community college. Scheffler also said there will be no difference between NSU and BPCC students if the plan goes into effect. Instead, students who cannot meet selective admissions will still get to become acquainted with life as an NSU student by taking classes with BPCC on campus.

BPCC will be a completely inde-

Ryan said he will probably vote

"I'm not even sure if he is," Ryan

said. "If he's not, then I'm going to

Jennings, is uncertain where he is

registered to vote. Stewart said he

registered in both Jennings and

Natchitoches, and said he believes

that he is free to vote in either city.

He said he plans to vote in Natchi-

"I've got to look at them some

Alexandria native Jennifer Hud-

gens, a senior liberal arts major at

the Scholars' College, is also unsure

about her registration status.

more and see what's going on with

for Ralph Nader if he appears on

the Louisiana ballot.

the electoral process.

candidate to support.

Chris Ryan, a sophomore math their opinions and stuff," Stewart

vote for the Libertarian."

pendent institution from NSU once it has been set up Scheffler said. BPCC has been expected to develop plans to hire its own faculty and staff for the Natchitoches branch meaning anyone hired to work for the BPCC branch will be an employee of BPCC, not NSU.

Scheffler said BPCC is still working on final approval of the project from their governing bodies, but NSU has gotten all the final approvals to go ahead with the project. The University has been working with the Board of Regents and Supervisors through the process by keeping them informed of the progress and plans to take place. He said it is hoped that the final approvals will be met soon so that BPCC can start admitting students during the spring for the fall

Scheffler also said BPCC would admitting students.

not have a full presence here until

Students voice their opinions on voting

interest in the election process. Kristina McBride, a junior Eng-

she "definitely" plans to vote.

to register soon.

ister," McBride said. I think about it, and then I don't do it. "Usually I just don't care."

the fall of 2005, but they should have a representative here during this spring semester to help in

"I registered a few years ago. I don't know if it still applies now," Hudgens said before adding that

Other students have little or no

Ryan is not the only student who lish major from Mandeville, is not plans to vote but is unsure about registered and does not have plans Robert Stewart, a freshman from

I just never had the time to reg-

Students who are registered in their hometowns have the option of voting absentee either by mail or toches, but has not decided which in person.

According to Louisiana Secretary of State Fox McKeithen's website, sec.state.la.us, in-person absentee voting takes place twelve to six days before the actual election at the local registrar of voters office. To vote by mail, visit McKeithen's website to download a mail-in bal-

### **NSU Police Blotter**

9-28-04 10:43 a.m.

A wreck was reported involving a black Ford F-150 and a green Dodge Neon.

9-29-04 12:09 a.m.

A student called to report students burning leaves in front of Sabine. The officer dispatched did not see anyone burning anything. The student who reported it showed the officer a burned spot on the ground at the south end.

12:52 a.m. An officer was sent to the three Columns because people were trying to climb them. It was five women with nothing better to do.

The fire alarm at Bossier was going off. The fire department responded. 7:33 p.m.

The fire alarm at Sabine was going off. The fire department responded.

7:42 p.m. A man and woman were arguing over a hat. Both said it belonged to them, and both claimed to have receipt for it.

7:54 p.m. A wreck involving a cyclist, who fell off the bike trying to dodge a vehicle, was reported in

front of Kyser. 10:14 p.m.

Domino's called to report that a deliverer had a pizza stolen out of his car at Sabine.

10:16 p.m.

A resident called from Bossier requesting an officer patrol the parking lot all night because he was having trouble with his exgirlfriend who he feared would damage his car.

9-30-04 1:35 a.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Hospital went to Sabine for a medical

emergency. 9:47 a.m.

A vending machine was reported left open with the money and contents stolen in Rapides.

1:43 p.m. There was a wreck reported in

front of Sabine. 2:32 p.m.

The money box from the vending machine was found along with two dime bags of drug parapher-

5:41 p.m.

An officer was sent to the Complex because someone w driving in donuts on the go greens

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report three men outside possil engaging in drug use. 4:35 p.m. There was a fight at Columns. Two officers went

take statements from several wit nesses. 10-4-04

12:28 a.m. A front desk worker at Rapide called to report that a trash can't one of the west side bathroom

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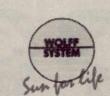
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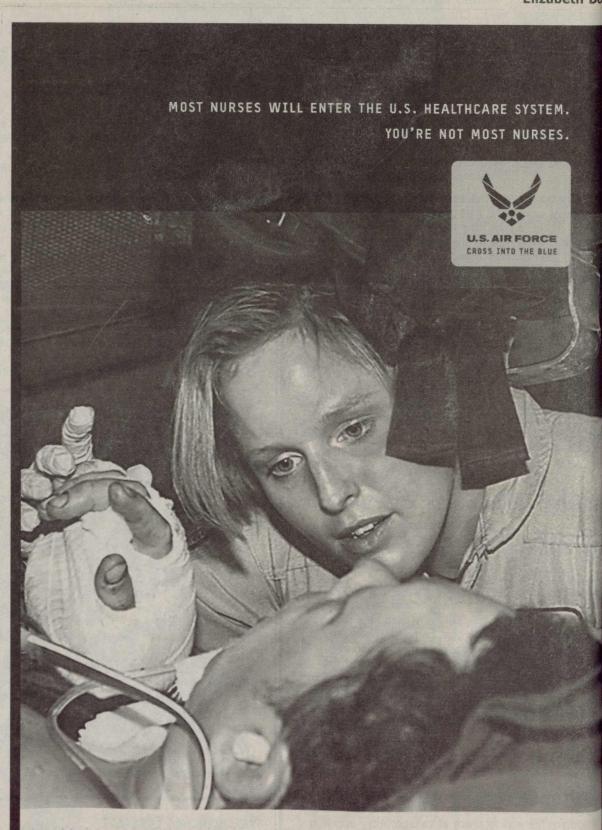
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Students for a Free Tibet is an international organization fighting for the rights of the Tibetans. Students for a Free Tibet meets Wednesdays at 5pm in the front nce of an off lobby of Morrison Hall. er who wa

> Society of Professional **Journalists**

SPJ is scheduled to hold a Freedom of Information Forum on Oct. 7 at 5p.m. in room 106 in Boozman wa Kyser Hall. Linda Lightfoot, executive editor of the Advocate in departmer Baton Rouge will speak. Journalism and political science majors are encouraged to attend.

J.U.M.P Week

Attention all journalism majors: Journalists Unifying to ne reported Make Progress Week will take place Oct. 18-21. Monday: NABJ Day: Speaker

Nordia Higgins of KSLA-TV bine called Channel 12. Tuesday: SPJ Day: Speaker

Rod Richardson, managing editor of The Shreveport Times. Wednesday: PRSSA Day: Michael Thompson, Corp. PR

and Speakers Bureau of the New Orleans Hornets. For more information call 357-

Contact info: Ciel Dafford 354-9539; Dr Greg Granger 357-4577

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Candice Pauley, PSA director Room 109, Kyser Hall 357-KNWD cpauley001@student.nsula.edu Office hours: MWF 8-10 a.m.

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Photography Club

The photography club has weekly meetings on Monday at 7 p.m. in Room 205 in the CAPA

The meetings are open to all

**SGA** 

Attention RSOs, the SGA is awarding \$600 in competitive grants to organizations performing a service to the students or enhancing the University's reputation as a whole. Applications are due Oct. 15 in Room 214 of the Student Union. Contact the SGA in Room 222 or call 357-4501 for applications and further

**STAT** 

The Student Technology Advisory Team (STAT) has allocated \$200,000 to fund departmental and individual grants, awarded on a competitive basis, which advance the teaching or learning process within the mission of the University. All grants are due by Oct. 29th. Contact Jennifer Long in the library for an application or call 357-6482 for more informa-

The American Chemical Society (ACS) will host its monthly Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Oct. 27. \$5 multiple buy-ins begins at 6 p.m. at the Rec Center on the by-pass. First Place is \$100 CASH with smaller cash prizes for second, third and fourth place. For more information email: nsuacs@yahoo.com

**Students in Free Enterprise** 

SIFE is an international organization that is dedicated to helping communities gain financial, technical and communication skills. Our organization also focuses on helping other gain knowledge of the global economy, business ethics and entrepreneurship. If you are interested in joining our organization, or for more information, please contact Joshua Williams at joshuaqilliams83@hotmail.com. All majors are welcome, there are no fees and no GPA requirements.

NSU Tutors

Our organizations tutors younger students in our community in social studies, reading and math. We are dedicated to helping students improve in their studies and providing them with positive role models. If you are interested in becoming a tutor, or if you need community service hours, contact Joshua Williams at joshuawilliams83@hotmail.com

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Anyone interested in working for the Sauce should come to our meetings on Mondays at 6 p.m. All students are welcome.

the Current Sauce welcomes submissions for Connections, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students. Bring CONNECTIONS to Kyser 225, or email them to currentsauce@nsula.edu.

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### And If You Don't Like It, You Can Just Get Out

By Justin Shatwell

I was deeply disturbed last week by a letter in the paper that responded to Mr. Vicknair's tirade on the gay marriage amendment. Though I disagreed with the respondent, I uphold his right to his opinion on the matter and his right to be upset with Mr. Vicknair. However, I was very upset to see him resort to the "If you don't like it, you can just get out" argument. Rather than have another discourse on gay marriage, I would like to discuss the dangers of the mindset that the majority is always right.

The United States rhetorically prides itself on its heterogeneous population. We have often claimed this to be the haven for all those who seek freedom and the land where, even though we disagree, we can still live together in peace. We take the tour of Ellis Island, thump our chests, and with a tear in our eye proclaim what a mighty experiment this nation is, what a testament to the brotherhood of man. Yet when we return home, we immediately split into our distrustful and divided subpopulations.

The idea of a united national community in this country is a myth. Certainly there are common threads held by all citizens, such as the devotion to freedom and democracy. However these likenesses hardly make a community. The fact of the matter is that we divide ourselves based on location, wealth, religion, race, and numerous other criteria. Though we may rally together in times of crisis, these subpopulations seem to be the comfort zones to which the majority of the nation always returns. I do not wish my reader to think that I am denying that there is ever any crossover between groups, or that I am making an argument that this state of affairs is good or bad. I am merely painting a general picture of the

realities of our society.

The fact of the matter is that there are minorities and majorities in our society, and more often than not, prejudices and mistrust exist between them. Because of the structure of our government, it is quite easy for majorities to amass a great deal of power. For example, the President, Vice President, and every member of the Congress is Christian. However, this hardly reflects our population. There is a very large population in this country that follows other faiths or no faith at all, but there is seemingly no section of this country where these minorities exist in numbers large enough to capture political power. As a result, these minorities are at the mercy of the majority

If this country is to remain a haven for freedom where a diverse population can exist in peace, it is the duty of the majority not to enshrine its beliefs in law. Last week's respondent took offense to Mr. Vicknair's allusion to the Civil Rights movement. Though I admit they are two very different cases, both are instances where a majority is attempting to preserve the social structure which they are most comfortable with through legislation at the expense of a minority that is seeking equality. The majority does not have ownership of our country. Minorities have every right to their beliefs and should be allowed to flourish. This country will always have those who oppose the majority, but if we are to stay true to our national charter, no one has the right to ask them to

Justin Shatwell is a Louisiana Scholar's College student. His column appears weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

### The benefit of being illogical



By Savanna Mahaffey

Coming to college has taught me a lot about responsibility. I have always had to be responsible since I grew up the oldest of three girls. My parents relied on me to take care of my chores, make good decisions and help out as much as possible with my sisters.

My youngest sister is nine years old so I spent my last three years of high school getting her dressed and groomed for school. I also brought my sisters to and from school so they did not have to go through the dusty and bumpy bus ride.

When I came to college, I assumed I knew how to take care of myself pretty well. I was so wrong. I nearly had a nervous breakdown in the beginning because nothing seemed to go right.

I would like to have faith in human kind and the world, but all that seems to do is set me up for more disappointment.

A friend of mine was a victim of a really stupid and gross prank last week. Someone urinated on his Nintendo Game Cube. Not only is that a disrespectful thing to do to someone's property, but it's disgusting. Animals urinate on things; people aren't supposed to.

I went to Chick-Fil-A to grab a bite to eat, and \$15 fell out of my coin purse. There were people around me, and they had to see the money on the floor. Apparently, someone realized it fell, but whoever found it just added some money to his pocket. It would

have been really nice for that person to ask everyone around if the money was lost. Now I know to hold on to my money a little

Then, I went to Wal-Mart the other night and bought a pack of sour peach ring candies. My boyfriend and I pulled into Sonic to get slushes, and I realized that the back of the candy bag-was slit right down the middle. I was going to eat them, but my boyfriend said that someone or something might have tampered with them. By the time he said that, I had already stuck one in my mouth. If it wouldn't have been stale, I probably would have eaten

I don't know how I didn't notice that the bag was slit open. It's hard to be responsible when you're absent-minded. I attribute things like that to my being left-brained. Left-brained people are creative, but I figure I can use it to my advantage for other things. If I forget something, wear a funky outfit, mispronounce words or do poorly on science homework, I can just say I'm left-brained.

I can also be as illogical as I want because it's entertaining for other people as well as myself. My arguments and rebuttals are as funny as something you'd see on Comedy Central. They make absolutely no sense, but I don't

Making no sense is a blessing sometimes. It makes people laugh, and it can lighten a mood.

Savanna Mahaffey is a journalism freshman major. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

The Sauce is STILL looking for a conservative columnist to help balance out the liberal viewpoints of J. Aaron "Q" Brown. If you want to battle it out with Q once a week, let us know. E-mail Elaine Broussard, Editor in Chief or Lora Sheppard, Opinions Editor at currentsauce@nsula.edu or call 357-5381.



By J. Aaron "Q"

I hope those of you wise enough to grab last Thursday's Sauce hot off the presses (looking for your weekly Filler fix, no doubt) were also wise enough to watch the debates. For those of you who missed them, I can't say enough good things about C-span.org's unflagging coverage of the critical election issues.

The debate was predictable, more photo-op and media frenzy than discussion. I can tell Kerry won, and I've only read the transcripts (my poor computer can't handle C-Span's streaming content). I'm sorry I missed all the nuances of Bush's stupidity, though; can someone tell me if he did that thing where he wiggles his ears when he's confused? Neither

candidate supposedly knew the questions in advance, so I know Bush had to be a lot more off-balance than comes across in writing.

The thrust-and-parry was practiced, Kerry using the word "better" more times than I had the patience to count and Bush riding his terrorism hobbyhorse for all it's worth. What I want to talk about this week are the people who threw

The event was put together by the Commission on Presidential Debates, which was established in 1987. It's run by former chairmen of the Republican and Democratic parties and has been responsible for every presidential and vicepresidential debate our generation has been old enough to understand. In fact, the Federal Elections Commission dismissed a complaint, filed by third-party candidates including Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan, that the CPD was a partisan organization.

The candidates cited their exclusion from the 2000 debates, which Lincoln-Douglas it ain't

they were not even allowed to Take Michael Moore out in the attend as audience members, as evidence that the CPD supports the Democrat-Republican agenda and is therefore violating campaign rules by taking the large sums of corporate money that fund its activities. The more attention I pay to this election and the more I information I dig up, the more I begin to understand how we as a nation get collectively suckered.

Something random: I've taken up is listening to snippets of Rush Limbaugh on my way to and from class recently (1450 AM, Christian music by night and conservative propaganda by day as far as I can tell), and I heard him attacking Kerry because he got a haircut and a manicure before the debate. What? Rush actually used the words "primp" and "coiffure." I was flabbergasted, though I suppose I shouldn't have been. As though Bush wasn't rubbed down like a thoroughbred racehorse before the debate! Rush, please, for the good of all America, die soon.

middle of the ocean in a rowboat. sink it and get eaten by a giant squid. Please. Think of the chil-

No e-mail last week! Do I have to tell you that it's okay to use Th pieces of dead babies to cure Alzheimer's to get some feedback here? Oh, that reminds me! To Beau Boudreaux and other bigots on the subject of gay marriage, quote again from Brown v. Board of Dear Education: "Separate is inherently unequal." Allowing same-sex cou. Do y ples to marry doesn't hurt anyone, you st so either make "gay" a psychologi. seems a cal disorder again or move on ing the Write saucefiller@hotmail.com best frie with whatever you have to say.

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### **Letters to the Editor**

**SGA President responds** to election troubles

Fellow Students,

SGA faces apathy as much as every other organization, but unlike most organizations we face a lot of criticism and complaints. As your student advocate and primary liaison to the administration, I would like to honestly answer your most frequent questions and respond to your complaints. I'd also like to inform you of what the SGA is able to do, what we have done recently, where your money is going, and how you can get involved in SGA. Originally, this letter was a few pages long. I have a lot of information for you. I broke my long letter into segments, which hopefully will be printed every week. I will get to parking, the Wellness Center, security, and more but first I'll respond to the complaints about the voting rules of NSU elections.

As some of you know, you must be a full time student, with twelve hours on campus, excluding internet classes, to vote in NSU elections. The reason is that if you have less than twelve hours that are physically on the Natchitoches campus, you pay only \$95.25 in Student Association Fees, opposed to the \$134.50 that everyone else pays. Included in the \$39.25 fee exclusion is the SGA fee. The SGA's reasoning is if you don't pay the SGA fee, then you shouldn't be allowed to participate in an SGA activity, such as the Honor Court / Class Senator Election. The problem is students, who have nine hours on campus and three hours on the internet, don't pay full Student Association Fees.

The registrar considers internet classes "off campus." Students who live off campus and take primarily internet classes don't participate in student activities on campus. Although a student may be full-time, it doesn't make sense for an off-campus student to pay the full Student Association Fee. Those students only pay the fees for the services that they are most likely to use or be able to use, such as the Current Sauce, KNWD, theatre productions, SAB, the Wellness Center, etc. While a student who has nine on campus hours and one internet course is most likely on campus, the computer system doesn't categorize them with the full time students who have all of their classes on campus. However, if any student who falls into this category would to be placed with all of the on campus students.

The SGA Internal Affairs department is currently addressing the problem. We are working out rules for students who aren't paying the SGA fee, but who are full-time students. By the spring election, this problem will be only a memory and every full time student should be able to vote. When the issue is resolved I will inform you of the new policy.

If you have any problems or questions please see me in the SGA office, located on the second floor of the Student Union, Room 222. We also have a few Senate seats available if you would like to get involved in the SGA. Have a great week.

Mindy McConnell Student Government Association President (318) 357-4335

### Alumnus comments on Campaign 2004

Dear Editor,

We have arguably one of the most important elections of our lives coming up on November 2nd. On this important day, we will have a choice to make. Do we want to "stick to our guns" or do we want to make a change in the leadership of this country?

It boils down to this: Bush or Kerry? I'll stop beating around the bush (no pun intended) and let you know that my choice, and I believe the only smart choice we can make, is to elect John Kerry as our next president.

John Kerry has the ability and the conviction to lead America in this new era of history. We find ourselves in a very different place than we were four years ago. Kerry is going to make solid decisions based upon our current situation and using the best judgment of the day, not just stubbornly sticking to decisions made years

We have to wonder, what would four more years of Bush bring? 1,000 more young American lives lost? 2,000? How many families do you know that have been affected by this war? How many more will be in the future under Bush?

As we send our money to rebuild other countries, how many of us are affected by poor conditions right here in America. We are watching as the American dream slowly slops from our grasp. I know several people close to me who have not been able to find good jobs and who are struggling everyday. In my work, I see people everyday that must choose between eating and taking their medicine because they can't afford both.

What is it going to take before we stop trying to rebuild other countries and start trying to rebuild our own?

John Kerry has given his life to public service, both in the military and in the government. Whether we agree with all the stands he has taken, we must agree that he has been standing up for what he believes in since he was a young man. I have not been able to find one instance of George W. Bush standing up for anything he believed in his entire life, until he decided to run for Governor of Texas in the 1990's.

Let's not stay with a system that is not working. How many more wars will we fight and how much farther will our quality of life go down with four more years? It is time to choose, and the only reasonable choice is John Kerry for our next president. Sincerely,

Matt Bailey

NSU Alumnus, Spring 2003

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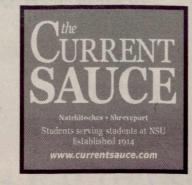
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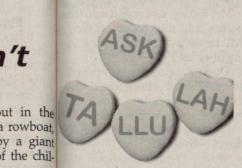
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mine between the two. It is cool if you and your significant other have time away from each other to be with riends. It is even better if you an hang out with each other's friends in a big group. The casufriend is one with whom you, as a couple, can randomly hang out and have a good time. In SAUCE in other words, they are not harming your relationship by monopolizing your loved one's time. However, the clingy friend is one who makes it so that you are ever alone with your partner. If ou are forced to ponder whether your girl or boyfriend is having a secret sexual relationship with their friend, if you have to constantly physically move the hanger-on over so that you can sit next to your loved one (just once, please!), and if you can not remember the last ime you even went on a date with your boyfriend or girlfriend ers that do without this person, then you most definitely have a problem. Short of killing this person and hiding their maimed bodies, without a there is no way to get rid of this friend, because like it or not this person was probably around ng before you and will be

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f the option is not there then k it out with this person. Let ur partner know ahead of time ny you are so upset, because ou want to have them on your e for this conversation. So tell "Clingy One" that you need e alone with your boy-girlend and that they are around the time, and, frankly, it is just lving you crazy. Hopefully, ey will have some respect and staff or advisor ack off. If not, your partner the editor must ay need to make a decision ith a real name garding this particular friendinformation of hip and how much they want to t be printed. as Editor are rull be out in the open, and you'll be proofread

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# Dancing the game away

NSU hosts annual Spirit Day for high-schoolers

Sauce Reporter

The sound of screaming young cheerleaders filled Turpin stadium Saturday at the NSU football game.

High school and middle school spirit groups traveled from all over Louisiana and neighboring states to participate in the NSU Spirit Day, Saturday at the Northwestern vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State football game. Cheerleaders and dancers arrived on campus at 8 a.m. to start the clinic and were done after the halftime show per-

Spirit Day gives high school and junior high cheerleaders and dance teams the opportunity to perform a cheer and dance with NSU spirit groups. At this year's competition, each participating team came with a prepared dance and the chance to win the first place trophy in five categories.

Cheerleaders and dancers were then separated and taught different routines. The cheerleaders learned a short pom routine and cheer they performed pre-game with the NSU cheerleaders. The dance teams learned a routine preformed at halftime with the Demon Dazzlers and Spirit of Northwestern Band.

pants, 360 came. "We had less people show up

than we expected since it rained and people were traveling from out of town," Abraham Anthony, sponsor of the Demon Dazzlers and Pom Pom Line, said. Each participant ate lunch at Iberville dining hall and got a free water bottle.

ing football season. Letters were sent to spirit group sponsors in Louisiana and neighboring states inviting teams or individuals to participate in the free clinic.

April Jordan, assistant director of high school relations, also sent information to newspapers in Louisiana and did radio spots for

"Spirit Day is a great recruiting tool for Northwestern.," Jordan said. "For most students this is their first opportunity to be on our campus, and most seniors come and then come back to audition in the spring."

Jordan predicted Spirit Day to be an even bigger success next year.



### Boys want to have fun, too.

I know that this semester I have neglected the guys a little

Well, this week, it's all about you! Let me do some introductions first: back home I have a stylist that helps me with everything from picking out dresses and shoes, to choosing what colors will be the best for me each season. He's a personal friend of mine and super-great at what he does. He helped get me started modeling, many moons ago. Since then, he has kept his eye on me, letting me know when I go to see him what he likes and dislikes about my style—then we have a makeover. He has a really excellent sense of style, which benefits most women and men. Sadly, to protect his privacy (and to keep him to myself) I will not reveal his entire name in this column (sorry!)—so I'll just call him

I called him this past weekend and got a few tips just for the guys. Here are a few of the things he expressed to me with utter style-passion. Take Kyle's word for it, boys—he knows what he's talking about.

### As for grooming, here are his tips:

-Shaving is one of the simple things you can do to make it look like you have given some thought to your look. The best time to do so is the morning, after your shower so the warm water will help soften your beard. Razor burn can be a real drag, but it's easy to avoid no matter how rough your beard is. Always use a sharp razor with at least two blades and a moveable head. Start with the sides of your face, and save your lip and neck for last. When you shave, you're actually creating your sideburns. You want to make sure they are even, so take your index finger and put it at the very bottom of your sideburn on both sides, step

back and have a look. -Good grooming means washing your hair every day, right? Wrong. Sometimes your hair can look its best on the second or even third day after shampoo-

ing.
-If you don't want a "typical" haircut, find someone who really knows how to cut hair. It takes training and an artistic eye to give you a different look and keep it extraordinary - something your wife or girlfriend

### As for fashion, Kyle says:

-Don't be afraid of color. Big colors this fall are Kelly-green, pumpkin and almond. Many stores offer button-down shirts in these colors, and they go great with jeans, khakis or trousers. When wearing clothes, you want to be approachable. When you wear black from head to toe, you might look like you're part of a cult, which is not particularly welcoming. Add color, and get some things that are textural, fabrics that invite touch.

-You don't have to wear boring, ugly clothes just because you happen to big or tall. There are resources out there where you can get some good looking shoes and clothing for people who are bigger and taller, such as Davis' Big & Tall. It's an amazing resource because they sell designer outfits like Versace and Ralph Lauren.

-A cool ball cap is a great accessory, but you do not want to look like a trucker at the "all-night adult gift emporium." Try storing your cap with the brim curled in a coffee mug; that way, it will frame your mug nicely.

-Everyone should have a traditional corduroy blazer in their wardrobe, especially for the fall season. The best looks for fall come in navy, olive and tan.

-You want a little break on your pant legs. If the back gets all stepped on, that is great because it will look worked in.



Chris Reich/ the CURRENT SAUCE High-school dancers rehearse their routine under the inspection of a Demon Dazzler instructor.

Of the 475 registered partici-Spirit Day is held every year dur- local radio stations. Students back governor's position on abstinence

Sauce Reporter

GPA is a common acronym used around campus, but now it has a different meaning.

The Governor's Program on Abstinence is a program to educate young adults on STDs and teen pregnancies. It was developed under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 under Gov. Mike

The federal government allots \$50 million for the five-year program. The amount of money each population and teen pregnancy Women's Resource Center, which nence cards every year pledging to by GPA," Gordy said.

rates. Louisiana is ranked ninth in the nation with one of the highest rates and receives \$1.6 million each year. State and local governments also fund the program.

According to abstinence.edu, 24 percent of citizens in Natchitoches Parish have an STD.

Sophomore Ragan Waites introduced GPA to NSU. Waites is a computer information systems and business administration major and president of NSU's GPA.

"The purpose of GPA is to get the word out on campus about STD's and be a spokesman for the Women's Resource Center," Waites in Natchitoches." aid. GPA works closely with the

is the crisis pregnancy center in Natchitoches.

GPA was brought to NSU's campus in fall 2003 and became a recognized student organization in spring 2004.

Currently, there are 10 members of the organization.

'Our main goal right now is to get the word out about info on STD's and the consequences," said sophomore education major Cori Beth Gordy, vice president of GPA.

"GPA is not a religious organization," Waites said. "Everyone stays abstinent because of the STD rate and get to know each other better.

Each member of GPA signs absti-

remain abstinent until marriage. "This organization is open to all

students, it doesn't matter if you weren't always abstinent-you always have a second chance," Waites said.

The main way GPA gets information out to students is by posting fliers around campus. The next meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 107 of Fournet Hall. During the meetings, students come up with ideas for surveys to give to students, discuss service projects for the Women's Resource Center

"Please participate in surveys

## Morning-after pill:

Important information on newest form of emergency contraception

By Elizabeth Bolt

Sauce Reporter

The morning-after pill is a quick, easy form of emergency contraception. It is also a source of con-

Megan Jordan, a freshman general studies major, said: "I think it should be over the counter because if you need it, you need it. There's birth control. It's pretty much the same thing. It prevents you from being pregnant."

While the morning-after pill has become a popular topic of conversation, not many people know what the pill is or how it actually

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists pamphlet, the morning-after pill is a higher dosage of normal birth control pills that helps prevent pregnancy by disrupting the normal flow of hormones in the menstrual cycle.

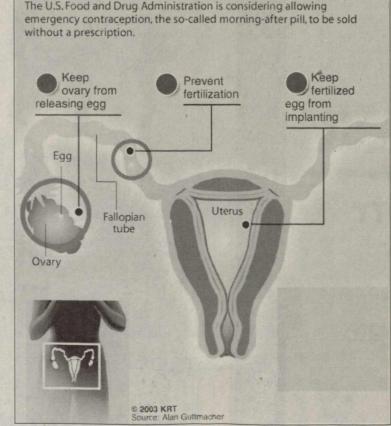
The two types of morning-after pills are made up of either a combination of oral contraceptives containing the hormones estrogen and progestin or progestin alone.

The pill is prescribed to patients in three forms: a combination of regular birth control pills containing estrogen and progestin, a kit with a pregnancy test and four pills containing estrogen and progestin, or two pills with progestin only.

The pill is given in two doses. The first dose must be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, and the second dose is taken 12 hours after the first.

Taking the pill may cause nausea or vomiting, but it should disappear in one to two days. If vomiting occurs within one hour of either dose, contact a doctor immediately because that dose may need

Other side-effects include ed in the womb.



abdominal pain and cramps, headache, tender breasts, dizziness, or an irregular menstrual cycle.

Using the pill within 72 hours of unprotected sex greatly reduces the chance of getting pregnant, but it is not a guarantee. The morning-after pill is not as effective as taking birth control regularly and does not protect against STDs. The pill will not work if conception has already

A common misconception about the morning-after pill is that it is the same as the non-surgical abortion pill RU-486. According to the About Inc. website, RU-486 causes early termination of pregnancy within the first seven weeks after conception. It prevents the embryo from every being implant-

William Fell, sophomore political science major, said: "This is not a pro-life or pro-choice question. It simply has to do with whether you believe that people need another excuse to be able to have sex."

NSU Health Services and the Natchitoches Women's Resource Center are two places that students can easily obtain information about the morning-after pill; however, neither facility offers the pill.

Stephanie Campbell, director of health services, said maybe two or three students a semester come in inquiring about the pill. Because health services does not distribute the pill, students are provided with a list of physicians in town and referred to proper practitioners.

Judy Sluppick, executive director of the Natchitoches Women's Resource Center, said that not

many women inquire about the pill, but occasionally a few call in. She said more tend to call than come in person.

"There was a time we were never getting calls about it, and now we are more and more," Slup-

The center does not distribute the pill because they are not medically qualified to do so.

If a woman inquires about the pill, they provide her with information on it that covers the basic facts of what it is and how it works.

"They think they can just take a pill, but it's not that easy. We educate them," Sluppick said. "We distribute the truth. It's not our opinions, it's the facts."

The Women's Resource Center also offers free pregnancy tests, birth control and information on sexually transmitted diseases.

Martin Aviles, a gynecologist at Natchitoches Women's Care, prescribes the pill. He said he gets about four or five college students a month inquiring about the pill.

When patients want the pill, he talks with them personally and does an interview counseling session which includes information on He does not prescribe the pill if

there is potential for it to cause complications with any other medication the patient is already taking or if the patient has a history of blood clots. Rite Aid is the only pharmacy in

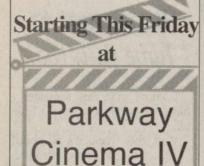
Natchitoches that fills prescriptions for the morning-after pill. They carry the Plan B type, which costs The Natchitoches Health Unit

offers Plan B to clinic patients when they come in for annual or medical

Margie Gibbs, public health See Morning-after, page 6



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### TALLULAH

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feel better. Indeed, think of all the free time you will have once you stop picturing all the delightful ways to maim and dispose of their clingy-hanger-on hides.

\*\*Disclaimer: While this is an advice column, recognize that I am fallible. I am not a professional psychologist or psychiatrist, and I base my advice solely on my own personal experience and research that I have done. In other words, be aware that any important decisions regarding your life should be made by you, my advice is simply one viewpoint.\* Have any questions about life, love, or sex? Or just disagree with her opinions? Tell Tallulah and send her an e-mail at currentsauce@nsula.edu.



## Jazz concert season in full swing

Sauce Reporter

The NSU Jazz Ensemble has something to toot their horns about. This year's Jazz Concert Series kicks off Oct. 13 in a Count Basie meets Duke Ellington style.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall and features 10 pieces performed by the NSU Jazz Orchestra and the NSU Big Band.

"This one's going to be big," said

fessor of music and jazz ensemble director. "It will definitely be something to look forward to."

The ensemble meets three times a week and has been preparing tunes from such composers and musicians such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Thad Jones. Some pieces to be showcased are "Tiptoe," "Jack the Bear," "Harlem Air-

shaft," and "In a Mellow Tone."

By Thorn LaCaze Galindo Rodriguez, associate pro- With help from local merchants, the student government and the Creative and Performing Arts Department, Rodriguez said he and his ensemble bring in at least two major artists each year.

"We're excited about the line up of artists this year," Rodriguez said. "There are quite a few from New Orleans to Memphis to Washington

He said that for the past seven The group does not do it alone. years, the NSU Jazz Concert Series

has brought in many well-known artists while staying true to the tall ents of Northwestern students.

Mel Richey, senior and solo trom bonist, said the concert on Oct. 13 will be very energetic with a vari

ety of styles. Dusty Pigg, senior trumpet play. er for the ensemble, said those interested should come early because seats will go quickly.

The concert is open to all stu. Then

## Latest Nelly albums in stores now

Sauce Reporter

After two successful compact discs, "Country Grammar" and 'Nellyville," Nelly has made his hometown St. Louis proud again with the release of "Suit" and "Sweat."

"Sweat" offers catchy dance songs that will stay in your head long after you have stopped listening. Most of "Sweat" is sub-par, but there are a few gems like "Heart of a Champion" which uses the beat

Kristi George from the "NBA on NBC" theme from are Missy Elliot on "Playa," song and "Na-nana-na," which is sure to be a major club hit. Unfortunately, on "River Don't Runn" Nelly's lyrics become ridiculous with rhymes like, "I hate to hate a hater, in fact I hate to hate, hatin' is hatin' you should never hate congratulate." Someone should have told him that "hatin" is just as awful as that rhyme.

Christina Aguilera joins in on the fun with a guest appearance on "Tilt ya' head back." Other bigleague artists Nelly enlisted help and Lil' Flip on "Boy." Both would barely be tolerable without their appearances.

"Suit" is by far the better of the two albums. Nelly shows off his soft side for the ladies, but it has something that the fellows will enjoy too. On "Pretty Toes," Nelly thanks all the fine girls around the world with pretty toes. When I first saw that Nelly collaborated with country singer Tim McGraw on 'Over and Over," I was a little skeptical. However, this song actu-

ally turned out to be my favorite or Scott S "Suit." Nelly gets a little more seri of their ous on "Die for You," which is the Nort most personal song on the album worklo The lyrics talk about the births o All 66 his two children and how he want into the their childhood to be better that played his. I would recommend that you tailbac definitely get "Suit" and if you plays) have a little bit more cash then pid seemin up "Sweat" as well. No matte ances. what your mood, there is a song or Third both for you. I give "Sweat" a tinger acceptable three stars and "Suit" at replacing and D exceptional five stars.

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control so they must offer it or have provisions where patients can get it.

The clinic chooses to give it out based on immediate need, however, Gibbs said that they have lots of people who say they do not need or want it. Patients have to sign a consent form saying they want it.

Plan B, like every family planning service, is offered to patients on a sliding fee schedule.

They provide those who want it with information, hand outs and a chance to ask questions. They can also call back and speak with a nurse on the phone.

"There's all kinds of education given to these people," Gibbs said

If a patient requests it on a need-now basis between visits, a clinic doctor is contacted immedi-

ately, or if unavailable, another practicing physician is contacted as soon as possible to order the

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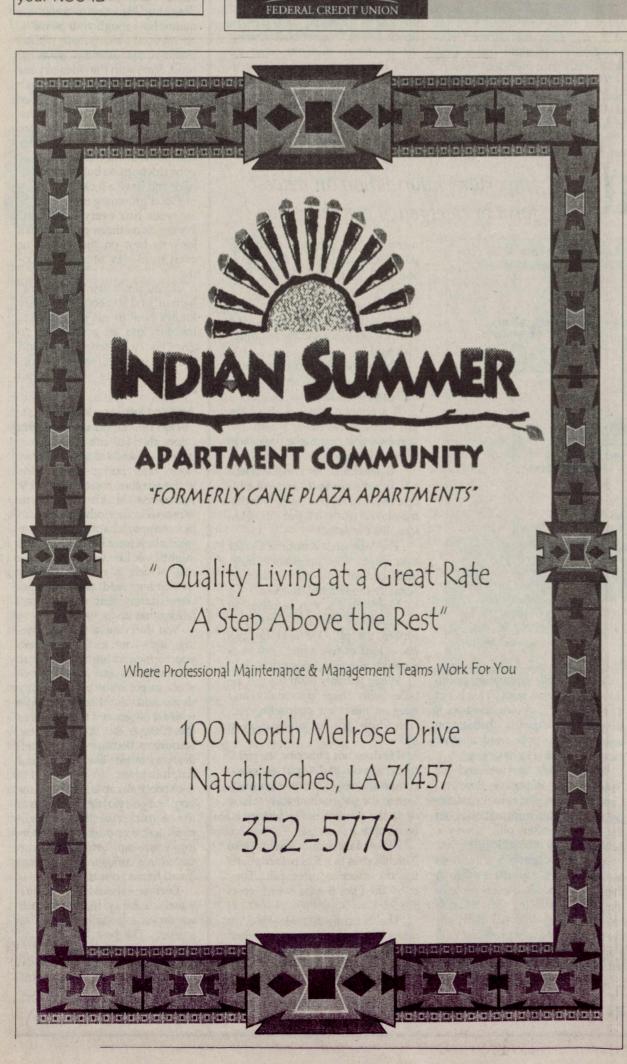
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When non-clinic patients inquire about the pill they are given a list of phone numbers and referred to LSU medical center or a private physician.

Alaina Kelley, a sophomore English major, said she thinks the pill should definitely be available over-the-counter for college students because waiting until Monday morning could be too late and the repercussions are drastic.

"I think that the option should be available as uncomplicated as possible because the morning after, it's a precaution, not a deci. Junior of sion," Kelley said.





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## ingDemon reserves gain experience in easy win nd solo trom.

Every demon player took the field during blowout Panhandle game

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n to all stu. There was opportunity for everybody on the Northwestern State football team Saturday as the 14th-ranked Demons demolished Division II Oklahoma Panhandle State 63-14.

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"All our players' parents had to be happy," said Demons coach ny favorite on Scott Stoker, "because every one tle more ser, of their kids got to play.

which is the Northwestern (4-1) spread the n the album workload throughout the roster. the births o All 66 players who dressed got now he want into the game. No linebacker e better that played more than 17 snaps. Top end that you tailbacks Shelton Sampson (11 and if you plays) and Derrick Johnese (13) ash then pic seemingly made cameo appear-No matte ances.

e is a song of Third-team fullback C.J. Lot-"Sweat" a tinger got in 29 snaps while and "Suit" a replacing seniors Issa Banna (16) and Demoine Clark (17). The starting five-man offensive line played just 22 of 62 snaps. Five tight ends played.

Fourth-team tailback Greg Skidmore took advantage of his expanded role, posting career

Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce n, not a decidunior defensive tackle Lorenzo Davis tries to run back an interception in Saturday's game against the Oklahoma Pan Handle State Aggies.

yards rushing, scoring a pair of early August. touchdowns.

good as us," said Stoker. "We played OK. We didn't execute all that great, but it was good to get a lot of young guys on tape so we improvements to make." can use it as a teaching tool. You need a game like that somewhere

along the way." bumps and bruises accumulated open this week.

Courtesy high totals of 28 carries and 141 since preseason practice began in

"The break comes at a good 'We took care of business, did time, right before the start of our what we were supposed to do (Southland) conference season," against a team that just wasn't as said Stoker. "We've got to get some guys healed up, but at the same time, we have some work to get done this week and some

The team will take Friday and Saturday off, then begin preparing next Sunday for the SLC The Demons can also use the opener at home Oct. 16 against open date coming up this week three-time defending champion to help heal an abundance of McNeese State, which is also



## **NSU Demons Athletics** Friday **NSU Soccer** VS. Southeastern Louisiana 7:00p.m.

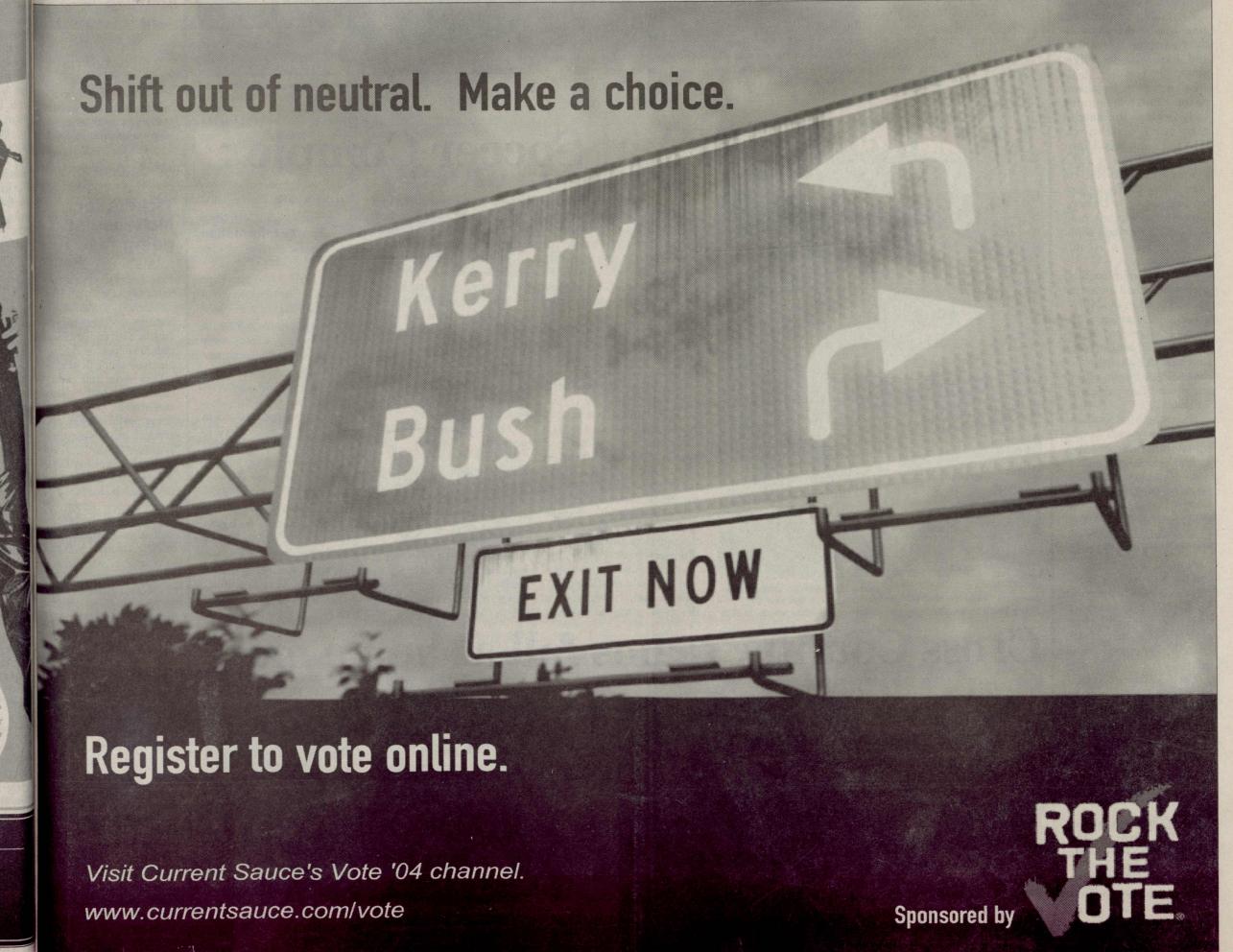




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### Winning Season

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It was a busy weekend in Demon sports as volleyball, soccer, baseball, football and cross country all played this weekend. Baseball did not play a game, but did have a home-run derby on Satur-

I would like to thank the baseball team for the new baseball I picked up outside the center field fence.

This is my second free baseball from the NSU Demons, as last season I was lucky and picked up a home-run ball hit by Tigger Lyles.

The volleyball team swept both opponents this weekend beating Lamar and McNeese St. at home.

This was the Lady Demons fifth straight victory which puts has NSU in a three-way tie for first place after the University of Texas at Arlington lost Tuesday night. The other team in the three-way tie is Texas State.

If the Lady Demons keep up their winning ways, NSU might do something they have never done: have a winning season in the Southland Conference.

The most games NSU has won in the SLC is five, which the Lady Demons posted last year under head coach Leigh Mullins.

The Lady Demons have already won five games in the conference this season and look to win a few more.

Do not pop the champagne bottles yet; the Lady Demons still have to play Texas State twice, UTA once and Sam Houston State.

Both teams beat NSU on their home courts in September. The Lady Demons have a long, winding road ahead of them, but I think they will have a recordbreaking season.

Former Demon football players also had an amazing weekend in the NFL.

Former cornerback Terrence McGee had a 98yard kickoff return for a touchdown against the defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.

This was McGee's first touchdown of his young professional career as a kick off/punt returner.

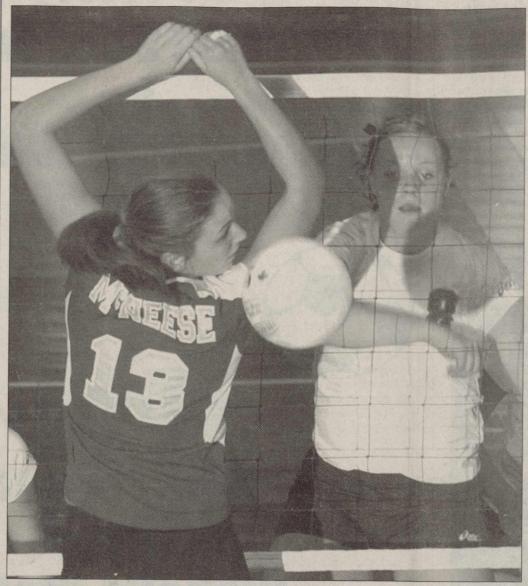
Also making news was former quarterback Craig Nall, who had a pass in the Green Bay Packers loss to the New York Giants. Nall threw a 24-yard completion to Robert Ferguson for his first NFL pass.

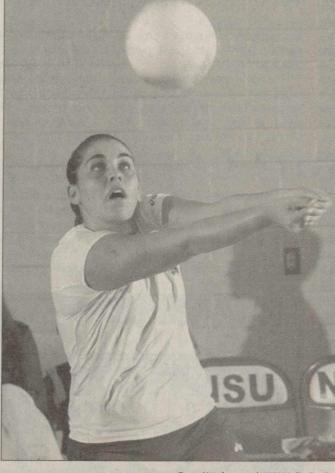
Nall also made the jump to the No. 2 quarterback on the Packers depth chart after back-up quarterback Doug Pederson was injured.

Also, Packer quarterback Brett Favre is hurt, so Nall may see some playing time in the upcoming weeks.

NSU fans, watch Monday Night Football to see if Nall gets any playing time against the Tennessee Titans.

Check out some soccer action this weekend, and also tune in to the Florida vs. LSU game as the mighty Gators beat the Tigers for consecutive seasons. You never know what will happen.





Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service (Top) Junior setter Flavia Belo sets up the volleyball for one of her Demon hitters against Lamar on Saturday. The Demons beat Lamar at Prather Coliseum 3-0 as NSU won their fifth game in a row. Belo finished with a double-double recording 11 digs and 28 assists. (Left) Sophomore middle blocker Janel Fisher hits the ball over the McNeese State middle blocker Friday night. The Demons beat

# Demons sweep at home

By Justin Hebert Sauce Reporter

The NSU Lady Demons Volleyball Team extended their school record of consecutive Southland Conference wins to five, after taking down McNeese St. and Lamar this weekend in Prather Coliseum.

NSU defeated McNeese 3-2 Friday, in front of 348 fans, in an amazing match that improving to 9-7 overall lasted all 5 games.

The Lady Demons folhard-hitting duo of sophoman Whitney King, who from junior Flavia Belo.

cess is attributed to how closely knit the Lady Demons team is.

"I give it all to team unity," Mullins said. "We are a true family on and off of the court." NSU turned around and

did it again Saturday afternoon blanking the Lamar Cardinals 3-0 in Turpin, and 5-2 in the SLC.

The Lady Demons used lowed behind the young, 13 kills and a .500 hitting percentage from junior top of the SLC, Mullins said more Janel Fisher, who Isabela Duarte and an 11 dig she believes this will be a totaled 17 kills, and fresh- and 28-assist performance big game for her team.

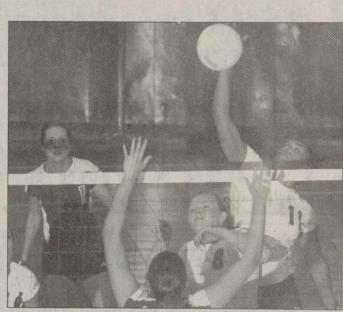
Head coach Leigh Mullins impressed with her team's said she believes their suc- ability to win such a tough game Friday night and still have enough for another

"It really showed a lot for them to play five Friday and turn around and win 3-0 on Saturday," Mullins The Lady Demons look to

extend their consecutive league-winning streak to six when they take on the Texas State Bobcats away, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

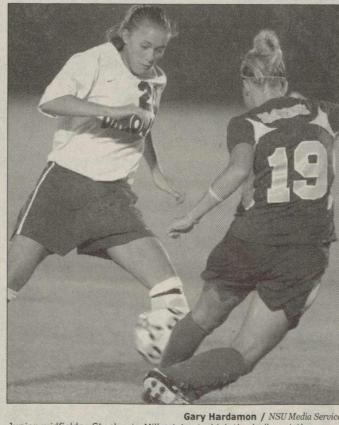
With the two teams at the

going to be a dog-Mullins says she was fight," Mullins said.



Freshman outside hitter Whitney King hits the ball past McNeese St.

## **NSU loses to SFA at Soccer Complex**



Gary Hardamon / NSU Media Service Junior midfielder Stephanie Miller tries to kick the ball past the McNeese State defender. The Demons won the soccer match up 3-2.

By Flavia Belo

NSU women's soccer fell short to Stephen F. Austin with a goal scored by the Ladyjacks in overtime last Sunday at the Demons Soccer Complex.

SFA, 8-3-1 overall and 5-0 in the Southland Conference, was led by goalkeeper Natascia Michalezki, who had a strong performance with four saves.

Lady Demons' goalkeeper, sophomore Krystle Donaldson played strong and had two saves and nearly saved SFA's Lauren Matkin's perfectly placed kick into the upper left corner of the net.

Junior defender Ashley Hadley said that even though they lost, the team did many positive things.

"It could have gone either way. It was a tough match," Hadley said. "It was one of the best matches we had Soccer Complex.

played so far. It was the first time we played the full 90 minutes hard. It was intense." middle-fielder Senior

Danielle Thomas said the Lady Demons played hard. "After the match we were emotionally drained because we thought we deserved to

win," Thomas said. The Lady Demons will try to bounce back against Southeastern on Friday.

Thomas said that they expect a tough match. "Southeastern is very

physical," Thomas said. "They run a good offense." Hadley said that they are expecting a great crowd for

the upcoming match. "It is exciting playing in front of lots of people," Hadley said.

The contest between NSU and Southeastern will be on

Courtesy **Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

The NSU Demons kept pace with the top teams in the Southland Conference soccer race Friday night with a dramatic 3-2 win over heated-rival McNeese State.

Erin Hebert scored the game-winner 34 seconds after McNeese tied the game 2-2 with four minutes left in regulation. The Lafayette freshman also scored NSU's first goal, giving the Demons a 1-0 halftime lead.

Natalie Waguespack helped NSU retake the lead in the 79th minute on a long shot from in front of the Demon bench.

NSU outshot the Cowgirls Friday night, under the 21-14 in the game, including lights at 7 p.m. at the Demon a 12-3 advantage in the first

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FOOTBALL

### **Demons climb** in polls, wins awards

After cruising to a 63-1 rout of Division II Okla homa Panhandle State Saturday, Northwester State jumped to No. 11 both major Division I-A Top 25 football po released Monday while Greg Skidmore, Josh Bur ton, Jamall Johnson and Brook Adams gave NSU sweep of Southland Confer ence "player of the week honors.

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Skidmore won the SLC award for top offensiv player after rushing f career-high totals of yards on 28 carries, scorin Engli two touchdowns.

The 5-7, 165-pound sop omore from Baton Roug Catholic, the Demons' No tailback, posted his second career 100-yard game.

Burton took the SLC defensive player of t week award after makin 10 tackles in only 15 plays

A second-team seni linebacker from Bossi City-Airline, the 6-1, 20 pound Burton had a tack and a half for lost yards a NSU limited Oklahom Panhandle to only six firs Kane sa downs and 143 total yards pay for a

Johnson, a 6-0, 210-poun held ever senior linebacker from The con-LaPlace, and Adams, a 6-1 who stud 189-pound sophomore safe ty from Marrero-Archbish Kane h op Shaw, combined to giv ary critici the Demons their thin man Anth touchdown and won the English a SLC's award for specia creative v teams play.

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### **Tickets for** McNeese St. going fast

was excit "All of o Anticipating a capacit way," she crowd next weekend for the Saturday, Oct. 16 North The Pot western State-McNees 1000 with State football showdown 3 Steve H Turpin Stadium, NSU off said the Scials are encouraging fans indicators purchase game tickets earl books thr

Less than 100 reserved chairback seats remain available as of Wednesda There are hundreds of \$1 Theat general admission ticket "Medeavailable in the 15,971-set Turpin Stadium on the eas The the side, known as the studer Oedipus side, and in the west sid p.m. in th upper deck.

The last time McNees Oedipus visited in Turpin Stadium of "Rocky in 2002, the matchup of the longtime rivals drew "Medea overflow crowd of 17,03 the second-largest to atten reason. W by Yionou a home game for the e stimula Demons.

Northwestern (4-1) ranked 11th in Division AA Top 25 polls this wee and is riding a four-gan winning streak.

LSC to After a 2-3 start to its set son, McNeese begins South land Conference play as the three-time defending league champion bringing a 1th game SLC winning streating the contest. Both team are open this week. are open this week.

The game is also the cer terpiece of Northwestern George V annual homecoming celeshown on bration.

The national cable sport foster, ass network CSTV (Colleg Rodney All Sports Television) will televise the 4 p.m. contest new All interest Saturday.

## Cross Country teams fall at home meet

Courtesy noon. **Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

Northwestern Lady Demons' two-meet quick in the nine-team meet. winning string, and the ULL Country Invitational in places. unseasonably cold and wet

Thunderstorms ushered in a 20-degree drop in temperatures and delayed the start of Louisiana-Lafayette the meet by 20 minutes, but avenged a home meet loss to the hilly path at the Demon State's Hills Golf Course handled women's team, ending the the rain well and times were

ULL's men had all five men completed a sweep of scoring runners in the top 11 the team titles by the Ragin' while the Lady Cajuns did Cajuns at the NSU Cross their scoring in the top 13

The host Lady Demons conditions Monday after- ran second with four of their

top five runners finishing in time for 25th. the top 11.

once again paced by Abby Solomon, who finished in fifth place overall (24:05:9), trailed immediately by teammate Breeka Johnson (24:28.1).

NSU newcomer Ruth Kinyanjui took eighth in 24:56.9 and Lesley Lambert was 11th with a 25:01.4 clocking. Marci Ward capped the scoring card for Northwestern with a 26:32.5

The Northwestern men The Lady Demons were were led by Jeff Parker, whose 27:08 time was 14th. Other Demon scorers were Aaron Heflin (32nd, 28:52), Phillip Hattaway (46th, 31:22.2), Gideon Rotich (47th, 31:24.5), and Andrew Newman (52nd, 33:13.7). Northwestern will be

action again on Oct. 18 in Beaumont, Texas, for the Lamar Invitational, then hosts the NSU Tri-Meet on Friday, Oct. 22.



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce Two Demon runners compete

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### Sauce on the Side

### carries, scorin English professor receives grant



Julie Kane, associate professor of English, was the recent recipient of a Louisiana Division of the Arts Artist Mini-Grant for 2004-2005.

Kane said she submitted a formal proposal in order to receive the \$500 grant. The proposal included a manuscript of 10 poems from the last five years and a narrative of goals JULIE KANE for the grant's use.

Kane said she plans to use the grant money to help 43 total yards pay for a trip to the West Chester Poetry Conference 6-0, 210-pour held every June in West Chester, Pa.

ebacker from The conference is a gathering of poets and scholars Adams, a 6-1 who study contemporary formal poetry.

rrero-Archbish Kane has recently been working on poetry and litermbined to giv ary criticisms and is an associate editor of the Longs their thin man Anthology of Southern Literature. She studied and won the English at Cornell University, earned her master's in d for specia creative writing at Boston University and obtained her doctorate from LSU.

Chris Rodrigues and Kyle A. Carter

### returned it 2 Potpourri wins national award

1-0 first-quarte The 2004 Potpourri yearbook received first place in a national contest for scholastic yearbooks, magazines h straight wee and newspapers. It also received an award for outits highest spi ngs so far the The American Scholastic Press Association sponsored

oth the Sport the contest. The yearbook was judged in the areas of media votin ontent preservation, general page design, general N/USA Toda photography, publication structure and creativity.

> Darla Williford, editor in chief of this year's Potpourri said: "I was happy to hear that last year's yearbook won such big awards. I definitely have big shoes to fill."

Claire Mayeux, this year's assistant editor said she was excited when she found out the news.

"All of our work last year paid off in an exceptional way," she said.

The Potpourri received 895 points out of a possible State-McNees 1000 with a perfect score in the creativity category.

Steve Horton, head of the journalism department, Said the Scholastic Press Association awards are strong indicators of how the Potpourri compares to other yearme tickets ear books throughout the United States.

Samantha Foley

### undreds of 51 Theater department to present "Medea" and "Oedipus Rox"

ium on the eas The the theater department will present "Medea" and as the studer Oedipus Rox" by Mike Yionoulis Oct. 20-23 at 7:30 n the west sid p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Oedipus Rox is a loose adaptation of the Greek classic time McNees Oedipus Rex." The play is a rock musical in the genre Turpin Stadium of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Little Shop of Hormatchup of th rors.

rowd of 17,03 "Medea" centers on the conflict between passion and largest to atter reason. Written in a contemporary style, accentuated by Yionoulis' hard-driving music, the play promises to e stimulating to the eyes, ears and soul

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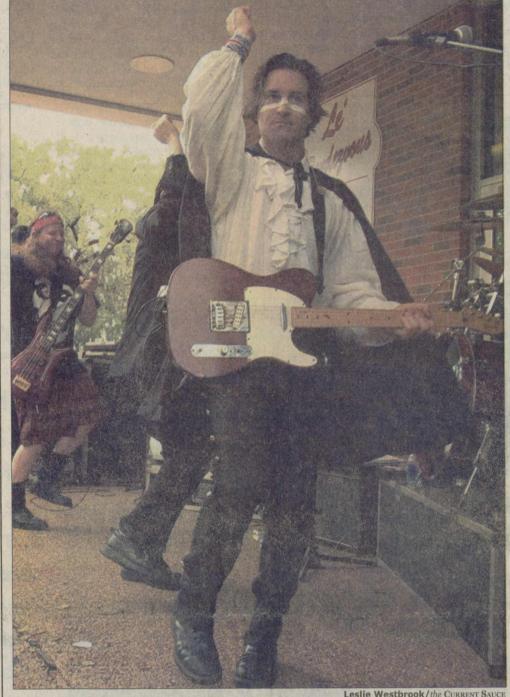
### LSC to show political programs

The Louisiana Scholars' College will show Michael ese begins South Moore's Fahrenheit 911 on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Room rence play as th 227 of Morrison Hall. The program will be followed by a defending leaguanel discussion featuring Greg Granger, acting director of the Louisiana Scholars' College, Alex Aichinger, associwinning streate professor of political science and Rocky Colavito, ntest. Both team head of the Department of Language and Communica-

e is also the cel Northwestern George W. Bush: Faith in the White House will be mecoming celashown on Oct. 28 followed by a panel discussion featur-James Picht, assistant professor of economics, John onal cable spor foster, assistant professor of speech and LSMSA teacher CSTV (Colleg Rodney Allen.

vision) will tele All interested persons are invited to attend.

## Off to a rockin' start



Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE

The Molly Ringwalds perform a synchronized dance while they play the 80s hit "Come on Eileen" in front of the Student Union Monday. They performed at the Homecoming Kick Off party sponsored by the Student Activities Board. The Molly Ringwalds performed at last year's homecoming festivities, and according to the SAB, they were invited back this year due to popular demand.

## Regents cut three degree programs

By April Dickson Sauce Reporter

After an extensive evaluation, the governing board for all the state universities, the Board of Regents, decided to discontinue the anthropology, social sciences and medical technician degree programs at NSU.

Every few years, the Board of Regents applies a formula to each degree program at every state university comparing the cost of maintaining the program, to the number of graduates in each program. If the number of program completers is below the state's standards, that program is placed under review for discontinuation.

Anthony Scheffler, vice president of academic affairs, said the low completion review is used "to see if there are enough people finishing those programs to justify those programs existing."

University President Randall Webb said he does not like when NSU loses any academic program, but there was simply not enough student demand for these pro-

Any student who has degree. However, no one will areas as majors starting this populous."

All of the faculty and staff from these departments will be moved to teaching and working positions in other

"We really don't have any faculty or instructors that are just so narrow that they can only teach in one area," Scheffler said.

Webb said not all classes offered in these programs will be discontinued. Several classes in these departments will still be offered to complete other degrees, as electives or as courses contributing to a concentration in a general studies degree.

NSU will not lose any state funding as a result of the program cuts.

"What the board often does, and did for us, is they'll say 'why don't you go ahead and let us discontinue this one, but let us help you create something else," Scheffler said. He said when programs are cut, the school uses those discontinuations as an initiative to create a new, more current and relevant

We just don't want to get stale. Things change," Scheffler said. "Degrees come in, already declared a major in degrees go out, but new any of the ceasing programs degrees come on too. It's not will still be able to complete a about cutting, it's about growing and maturing and be allowed to declare those meeting the needs of the

## Resource center opens in Watson

Unlimited color copying provided to students; other services in the works

Sauce Reporter

The Student Government Association and the Student Technology Center have planned to open a student resource center.

The center will be in the rear of the Watson Library computer lab. It will include free access to a color copier, fax machine, laminating and binding machine machine.

Free printing services are currently available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, but the other services will not be offered until the end of the

The printing services allow students to make free unlimited copies or to print information from the lab's com-

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By Savanna Mahaffey tests and quizzes may not be copied.

SGA President Mindy McConnell said the resource center will be valuable to students because many teachers require them to make copies, and they have to spend their

"I'm a political science major, and I have to go every in our budget, and we had to week and pick up copies from the Ink Spot and Mail Boxes and pay \$3 here and there," McConnell said. "Three dollars doesn't seem like a lot of money, but it's still aggravating, and I think students will really appreciate the free

Funding for the center comes from student technology fees. SGA has budgeted \$20,000 to supply materials such as copy paper and laminating material to the stu-

"We put the resource center resources.



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce A new free printing service for students was introduced in Watson Library this fall. Students now have access to unlimited color copying. Free faxing, laminating and binding will be added soon.

sit down and estimate how is academic will be at the dismuch materials the students could use," McConnell said. "Everything is going to be unlimited at first. We'll see how it goes before we set lim-

McConnell said that if the budgeted money runs out, the services will be postponed until the budget can be

The resource center must be used for academic purposes, so organizations are not allowed to use the free

Whether or not something cretion of student workers. If a student worker cannot determine whether a student's request is reasonable, the teacher of the class will be

In order to access resources, students must present their current NSU student ID

A student worker will be present to record names and use of the resources. All users and uses will be documented to ensure that the services are not being abused.

### SGA axes parking resolution

**By Victoria Smith** 

A proposal to limit student and faculty parking at NSU failed at Monday's SGA meeting.

Student Affairs Commissioner Matthew Bartley proposed a resolution restricting the vehicles of NSU commuters, residents and faculty members to specific lots between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Residents would be required to leave their cars in parking lots adjunct to their respective residence halls, and upperclassmen commuters would be assigned parking lots specific to their majors. Underclassmen commuters would be required to park at Prather Coliseum.

The resolution has already been passed by the University Traffic and Parking committee and is designed to decrease the number of cars moving on

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## **NSU Police Blotter**

10-5-04 4:20 a.m.

A resident of Rapides called saying his roommate needed an ambulance. Two officers and paramedics were en route. He was given breathing treatment and transported to the hospital.

8:13 a.m.

LSMSA for a medical emergency.

There was a call from Bienvenu Hall in reference to a hurt student in Room 112.

3:19 p.m.

Apartment 924 of the Columns at the Columns. was broken into. Two officers were dispatched to make a report. 7:20 p.m.

The fire alarm at Boozman was going off. An officer and fire department members were en route. The alarm was going off because of a microwave on the second floor.

10:35 p.m.

There was a report of a possible fight outside of Sabine.

4:58 p.m.

Someone from the sheriff's department called to notify campus police that a woman was in labor on the second floor of Kyser.

10-7-04

Brown's Security called to Paramedics were en route to advise that the alarm at the bookstore was going off. Everything was OK. 10-8-04

2:26 a.m.

There was a report of a possible fight outside of building four

Some men sneaked into Sabine after hours. Staff was able to get two out but needed assistance with locating the rest.

2:44 a.m.

There was a call from Prudhomme Hall regarding a large group of people who laid a tarp on the baseball field and were sliding down it and making a lot of noise. It was LSMSA students. They took

off running when they saw officers and hopped the fence. 7:10 a.m.

A call was received from Iberville requesting assistance for a female student who was possibly having a seizure. Paramedics

4:12 p.m.

A woman reported a possible wreck in front of Kyser and warned it may turn in to a dispute. 10-9-04

10:17 a.m.

There was a wreck on Jefferson. A vehicle rolled over in to Chaplain's Lake across from the tennis courts. Both passengers got out OK. It took three wreckers to get the vehicle out.

10:29 p.m.

A call was received reporting that there were high school students drinking at the tennis courts. The city police department took the call. Beer cans were found, but the suspects were gone.

Elizabeth Bolt

### PARKING FROM PAGE 1

campus between classes.

Sen. Jerry Whorton said: "We're limiting where students can park. If you have less than 60 hours you're going to have to park at the coliseum. I know we can say to bring an umbrella or a poncho, but right now this campus does not have a mass form of transportation."

The increasing number of students attending NSU has put a congested, she said.

strain on commuters trying to find a place to park.

President Mindy McConnell said: "There are more commuters at NSU that commuter parking spots."

If underclassmen commuters were restricted to the coliseum parking lot, the commuter lots by each major building will be less

"The problem is going to go away because there are enough spots to park," McConnell said. The resolution would have pr

hibited students from moving the cars during peak school hour diminishing the traffic problem of

If the proposal passes later this semester it will be assessed by the Student Life Committee.

## District judge candidate visits NSU

Opinions Editor

Dee Ann Hawthorne, candidate for 10th district judge, visited NSU Monday to introduce herself and

her platform. The 61-year-old Louisiana native and alumna of NSU received her law degree at LSU in 1985. She is the president of Court Appointed Special Advocates, a member of the Domestic Violence Education and Support group and is a past board member of several organizations

By Lora Sheppard including the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society.

She said that after receiving her law degree she practiced commercial law, usually in the courtroom, representing both plaintiffs and defendants.

Her practice evolved into criminal and domestic law, which she has been practicing for the past 10 years, as well as being a Family Law Mediator.

"I like people. I like to help people," she said. "I really want to

Hawthorne said she believe Natchitoches needs a judge wh makes fair decisions and believe that every side of a case is impor tant. She said she believes in con sistency and will treat everyon

Hawthorne's opponent, Georg C.. Celles IV will come to NSU 0 Monday at 4 p.m. to introduce him self, speak and open the floor fo questions. For further information on the meeting, call the political so ence department or the Politica Science Club at 357-6195.





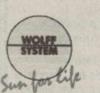
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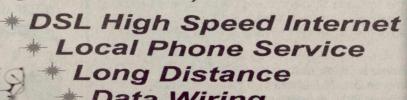
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J.U.M.P Week Attention all journalism majors: Journalists Unifying to Make Progress Week will take place Oct. 18-21.

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Tuesday: SPJ Day: Speaker Rod Richardson, managing editor of The Shreveport Times. Wednesday: PRSSA Day: Michael Thompson, Corp. PR

and Speakers Bureau of the New Orleans Hornets. For more information call 357-

Photography Club

The photography club has weekly meetings on Monday at 7 p.m. in Room 205 in the CAPA

The meetings are open to all students.

SGA

Attention RSOs, the SGA is awarding \$600 in competitive grants to organizations performing a service to the students or enhancing the University's reputation as a whole.

Applications are due Oct. 15 in Room 214 of the Student Union. Contact the SGA in Room 222 or call 357-4501 for applications and further details.

Native American Student and **Faculty Association** 

Meetings are Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Room 316 of the Student Union. For more information call Michael Ashworth at (318) 572-7116.

The Wesley Foundation Come and worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. or join a

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**Emerging Leaders** 

Emerging leaders meetings will be held Oct. 18, 20, and 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There will be door prizes at each session. Tshirts will be given to students who attend all three nights.

The Student Technology Advisory Team (STAT) has allocated \$200,000 to fund departmental and individual grants, awarded on a competitive basis, which advance the teaching or learning process within the mission of the University.

All grants are due by Oct. 29th. Contact Jennifer Long in the library for an application or call 357-6482 for more information.

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### Advocate editor speaks on information laws

By Patrick Feller Sauce Reporter



When students were asked who among them had a basic understanding of the public's right to know, many hands stayed

Linda Lightfoot, executive editor of The Advocate, a newspaper in Baton Rouge, asked the question. She made her first appearance at NSU Oct. 7 to speak about Louisiana's Freedom of Informa-

"The foundation for these laws is the idea that the government belongs to the people," Lightfoot said. "We elect people, put people in office that represent us, and we have a right to know the manner in which they represent us."

One of the topics she discussed was the public's right to information versus national security.

"People want to take advantage of national security concerns and write laws broader than they need to be," Lightfoot said. "Those living in certain communities may not be able to get certain information about the things they need."

Much of Lightfoot's presentation focused on government officials who pass laws about information sharing yet "oftentimes do Lightfoot said.

"We elect people, put people in office that represent us, and we have a right to know the manner in which they represent us."

Linda Lightfoot Executive editor The Advocate

not realize that they are going to have negative effects.

Lightfoot has worked to rectify this problem and is a board member of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, a group who educates public officials about such laws and their conse-

The NSU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists sponsored the seminar. The chapter's president, Tasha Braggs, said that the public's right to know is a paramount issue.

"That's why we put this thing together," Braggs said. "It's a real prominent issue that we felt was important for people to under-

Lightfoot also had some parting words of advice for NSU students.

'The important thing for college students to decide is that I'm going to be a citizen who cares about my community and country and participates in its affairs,"

## Fiber optic network updated on campus

Buildings to be rewired by spring semester

Sauce Reporter

Uploading software to computers around the campus will be simpler due to a fiber optics project in progress this semester. Several buildings around the campus will be rewired to allow computers to communicate on one system.

NSU was one of the schools that competed for Capital Outlay funding, which allows colleges and universities to do major renovations.

Director of Technical Services Tracy Brown said that the NSU has been looking into the program since 1990, but did not receive funding until 1999.

From the funding, NSU was able to rewire the core network in Roy

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By Ashley Gordon Hall, Kyser Hall, A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center and Russell Hall to make a redundant loop.

Brown said there are four phases of the project and the second phase will start soon. It will involve rewiring the insides of Fournet Hall, Bienvenu Hall, and the Health and PE Majors' Building.

Fiber optic cables are used to transmit data throughout the networks. It does not allow any interference because it uses light to transmit software and other infor-

The new system will give us the ability to remote assistance to laptops from a central location,"

The project is expected to be finished during the spring semester.



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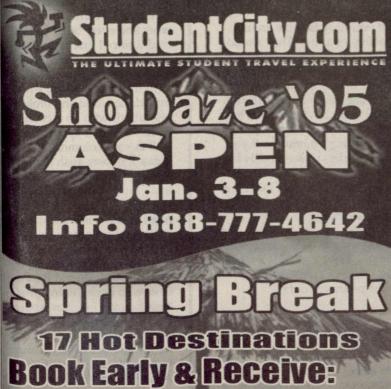
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The grim reaper has come for Bush's presidency, and his name is Charles

A. Duelfer. For those of you who missed it, the CIA's special advisor on Iraqi WMDs released his report about a week ago, having found no evidence that Saddam was attempting to construct nukes, bioweapons or chemical warheads. In fact, the Duelfer report pretty much undermines everything the Bush regime has told us about our reasons for going to war. The report reaches the conclusion that everyone already knows: Saddam was biding his time in an attempt to get sanctions lifted, trying to strike a bargain for every concession he made to the United Nations, and hoping to avoid losing face in front of the world. Let's look at some of the more enlightening findings.

After the initial invasion, soldiers found two trailers supposedly intended for use as mobile germ warfare labs, which, in the wake of our failure to find anything we could claim constituted a "weapon of mass destruction," Cheney called the "definitive evidence" of Iraqi duplicity. Duelfer, however, has determined that these trailers were intended for generating hydrogen, exactly as the Iraqis claimed all along, and a British bioweapons expert who inspected them on-site said they didn't even look like germ labs. The report found no evidence of SCUD-variant missiles with a range exceeding the U.N.-mandated limit of 150 km, and it states over and over again that Saddam was awaiting the end of the sanctions (which Bush claims were doing no good) to reconstitute his weapons programs. In his testimony to the Armed Services Committee, Duelfer even pointed out that after the Gulf War in 1991, Saddam's advisers told him he needed to restart his nuclear program and he declined, citing the volatility of Iraq's international relations as a reason to put such plans on hold.

So has Bush been playing politics with something as serious as American lives? Are we perhaps spreading something a little more sinister than freedom and democracy? Well, the report only talks about the facts, leaving domestic political issues to the politicians and pundits, but when we're told a week before war that the country we're about to attack has attempted to buy uranium and then told a week after invasion that this information was a mistake, it looks awfully suspicious. When Pakistani officials hold a press conference to announce an al-Qaeda capture two hours before Kerry's convention speech but at midnight by Pakistan's clock, it looks suspicious, and when the "definitive evidence" of Iraqi wrongdoing turns out to be a hydrogen production facility, it looks suspicious. Hey, I bet it will look even more suspicious when the government produces Osama bin Laden's body in the month right before the election.

This week's "Ridiculous Limbaugh Moment": on Monday, Rush jumped on Kerry for (get this) the name of the band that played at his wedding reception. It seems the band was called the French Millionaires, which is outrageous because.... Well, I think it has something to do with Kerry's bride being wealthy, but I can't remember what convoluted path Rush took to make it offensive. Also, a quote from the show I'd like to share: "Fear can be a motivator. If that's what does it for you, that's good. I want you to be afraid." Rush himself saying he wants to scare you into complying with the Republican agenda. Why, why, why is this man allowed to breathe my air?

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## Trapped by labels



By Justin Shatwell

Do you ever wonder why there are so many undecided voters? American

voters have very few options on the ballot. They can either vote for one of the two major candidates or cast a protest vote for one of the minor parties. With so few options, why does it take so many people so long to make up their minds?

As far as I can see, there are two major reasons. The first is a sense of betrayed brand loyalty. Many Americans vote for the same party their parents did or for the party they usually vote for without really digging into the issues. People build up a loyalty and a familiarity with one party or another and stick with them no matter what. However, sometimes political parties change fundamental aspects of their platforms. These major changes often make people question their loyalty. The biggest not so simple that it can be divided

lican acceptance of deficit spending, a matter that has many hard core fiscal conservatives on edge. In such circumstances, people are faced with the question of whether the violation of this one belief is cause enough to betray their loyalty to their party and defect to the competing party, which they have spent the majority of their life vilifying. This is a difficult choice, and

The second major reason arises from the first. People who are disaffected with their party only have one real alternative. Two parties are not nearly enough choice in such a complicated political system. The Democrats and Republicans tend to position themselves on opposite sides of the thousands of political issues that dominate America today. Generally, the Republicans take the stances seen as "conservative" and the Democrats take the stances seen as "liberal." However, the world is

example of this today is the Repubdown the middle. There are thousands of political issues in America today. The two party system tries to split the issues into two package sets of stances and asks us to vote on which we prefer.

This can cause major problems for some voters. For the sake of argument, we can generalize political issues into two groups, social and fiscal. The parties tend to field candidates that take the liberal or conservative stance on both sets. In I can understand the need for time. this system, very different issues are tied together and put under the same label. This system greatly limits our political choice. After all, what about valuing a small government has to do with disagreeing with abortion. What does an interest in a strong welfare state have to do with allowing gay marriages. Americans are more complex than the government gives us credit for. Many of us are socially liberal and fiscally conservative, or socially conservative and fiscally liberal. Who do these people vote for? No matter which party they choose,

they will disagree with half of the platform. They are faced with the difficult decision of choosing what set of issues they value more, fiscal or conservative. We are the oldest democracy in the modern world, so surely we can offer more choice than this.

Undecided voters take so long to vote because they slip between the cracks in our political system and are confronted with its horrible flaws. They take so long because for them they are not choosing the leader they want in office, they are voting for the politician they think will do less harm to the issues they care about. Our system desperately needs to be reformed. I will field some suggestions in the coming weeks, and I hope that my readers will join me in debate and discussion on the topic.

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## Rain, rain go away -



By Savanna Mahaffey

Lately, it's no fun to go outside. The weather is miserable. If it doesn't

make me sick, it will probably cause me to break an arm or a leg.

Anytime there is a puddle or a slippery surface, some freakish unexplainable magnetism in my body pulls me to it. If an air conditioner leaks, I slip in its drippings. If soap spills in a bathtub, I find myself bruised from hitting the faucet or the tub. Worst of all, if it rains, I will slip on concrete, asphalt, grass, dirt and even grav-

The other day, I was walking

back from lunch as my vintage inspired poncho flapped in the wind and fall foliage whirled around me. I felt like Meg Ryan in a cardigan set when she meets Tom Hanks' character in "You've

Then reality hit, and it began to pour. I whipped out my trusty blue umbrella and ran up the north steps of Kyser Hall. As soon as my right foot made contact with the slippery tiles, I took a

Got Mail.

Luckily, I managed to stick out both of my arms, put my left foot on the ground, twirl around and carefully put my right foot back in its natural state. After that performance, I thought it might be wise for me to drop out of college and try out as a character at Dis-

Still, I was very happy that it was a weekend and no one was around to see my little dance. It's bad enough people always witness me tripping over bricks, stairs, doorways and cracks in the cement when it's completely dry outside.

The worst time for nasty weather is when I have my arms full, and I can't find my ID card so I can get into my residence hall. The last time that happened, I dropped my brand new \$107 physical science book in the mud.

I fumbled in my purse for five minutes for my card while I juggled an umbrella, a full book sack and a stack of books. Then, much to my dismay, the card was in my The only good thing about rain is that the sound of it helps me sleep at night. I just hope the roof doesn't start to leak during the night since I'm on the top floor.

I hope the rain doesn't damper the homecoming game this Saturday. My hometown is only 20 minutes from McNeese State University, so most of the kids in my graduating class go there, and older folks cheer on MSU. Many of them, including my family and two best friends, are coming up to tailgate.

I'll wear my purple proudly.

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## Letters to the Editor

Student responds to Shatwell's last column

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate Mr. Shatwell on a job well done. His column in last week's paper was very well written. You can tell he is a very intelligent person. I think Mr. Shatwell should look into politics as a career, because, he is apparently very good at double talk. He wrote five paragraphs of well-written material, yet he basically made no relevant point. I have one question, Mr. Shatwell. Do you write speeches for John Kerry?

Basically here is what I gathered from his article. Mr. Shatwell is "deeply disturbed", this should come as no surprise, I suspect that all liberals are. He supports gay marriages but doesn't want to talk about that because he already knows how the majority of Louisiana feels about that topic and knows he is on the losing side. Some how the majority is supposed to abandon their own beliefs to support the ideas of the minority, because they are the minority. The majority of the population doesn't have ownership of the country, however the minority should. Lastly if I stretch it a little I can deduct that my remarks were" troubling" however the name calling and stereotyping that his fellow Scholars College student had to resort was not troubling. Something seems fishy here.

I will not apologize for being a member of the majority. Why should we as the majority have to bend to accommodate the beliefs of the minority, while they refuse to bend to any of our beliefs? Mr. Shatwell makes the statement that all the members of our government are Christians and members everybody who has a class in of non-Christian faiths have no voice. If you go to a predominantly Muslim country do you think you will have a voice? I doubt it seriously. We don't press our religion on these people; we tolerate their beliefs, so why can't they tol-

To sum up Mr. Shatwell's argument, the majority should forget about their own beliefs and protect the beliefs of the minority. Basically if we stand for anything we are wrong. We must learn to be passive and let everyone trample us. So from now on when a subject comes up, figure out what you think and do just the opposite. This is the wave of the future.

Lastly, I would like to remind Mr. Shatwell that I never told Mr. Vicknair to leave Louisiana. I merely invited him to do so if he was so unhappy. I was trying to be nice and make sure that he was aware of all the options that were available to him. I felt his pain of being surrounded by a majority of people that were, according to him, so far beneath his intellectual level. I was even nice enough to offer him a ride, which reminds me, I have room for one more.

Eric Cason **NSU Sophomore** 

**SGA President comments** on parking

Fellow Students, Since my first year here, I have heard more complaints about parking than anything else. I agree with you. It is hard to find a 'good" parking spot. But are you looking in the lots closest to your academic building? Probably so, and it is physically impossible for

Kyser to park in the lot nearest Kyser. OK, so Sabine parking lot is full too, right. Well, as much as you don't want to hear this, if you need a spot, there are plenty at the stadium parking lot, where the vehicle overflow is supposed to park. I realize how long of a walk it may seem, but it's actually only a five minute walk to Kyser or Russell. We do not park there because we're lazy. But having visited every single campus in the state, I can honestly say that we are lucky. Other campuses require that you park in a certain lot that may be a fifteen-minute walk from your building. At ULL, students have to take a shuttle to get from the main parking lot to campus. Even the worst parking situation at NSU, for instance, a class in Russell and then in the TEC, is a skip compared to distances at other schools. You wanted more parking lots, so we got two more. They may not be next to your building, but without tearing down our beautiful landscaping, there is nowhere else for them to

The ONLY reasonable complaint in regards to parking is that the parking lots, particularly the Sabine and Iberville lots, are falling apart. I completely agree. I am as sick of the potholes and temporary asphalt as you are. People criticize the SGA and the school for not doing something about it constantly. It turns my stomach to make an excuse for it. because the conditions are simply inexcusable. However, there is a legitimate reason the parking lot is not redone and that is because there is a serious lack of funding for Louisiana public post-second-

ary schools, especially NSU. The good news is that, finally, we have accumulated enough money to completely repave the parking lot below Sabine and Caddo Hall. This time the physical plant isn't just filling in potholes. When you come back from Thanksgiving Break, you'll be able to park in an

entirely new parking lot. The Student Government Association has devised several different plans to improve the parking situation. Most recently, was a bill to designate each student to a parking lot. Under the provisions of the bill, between 7am and 3pm freshman and sophomore commuters would be required to park in the stadium lot, all residents would be required to park in the specific lot of their residence hall, and juniors, seniors, and graduate students would be assigned to a lot near the academic building of their major. This would mean that students driving to school would not ever have to drive around looking for a spot. They would know exactly what parking lot they had to park in and that lot would have enough spaces for everyone assigned to it. The bill failed in the Student Senate but passed in the University Traffic and Parking Committee. If you like this idea, please stop by the SGA office, Room 222 of the Student Union, or call 357-4501 and let us know. If you have any ideas on how parking could be improved, we are definitely open to suggestions, as we are working for you. Have a great Homecoming Week. GO DEMONS! Respectfully yours,

Mindy McConnell **SGA** President

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### THE RIGHT SIDE



By T. Hargis

What is the difference between rhetoric and a logical argument? Rhetoric is having

a seizure and holding a pen while writing your own opinion. Logic on the other hand has everything to do with the facts. Present the truth in its entirety within the context of the situation no matter what the outcome or consequence. Hey, the truth might even set you free.

Here are the facts in context. Saddam gassed thousands of Kurdish men, women and children in northern Iraq on his personal order. He had WMDs, and he used them. He supported families of suicide bombers by paying them hundreds of thousands of dollars in the event their loved one committed a terrorist act against Israel or the United States. His son ordered the beating of Olympic athletes because they lost a qualifying match to rival Iran. We now find out in the Duelfer report that he bribed the United Nations along with dignitaries from France, Germany and

other nations in the Oil for Food September 11 changed the way information was interpreted for the United States. In the early '60s, we avoided a nuclear holocaust at the hands of both American and Soviet weapons during the Cuban Missile Crisis for a clear and uncontrollable

feeling. We did not want to die. The Soviets did not want to die. Both sides clearly knew if one Caroline Beat side were to launch one missile that all of civilization as we knew it was going to come to an end. Their government might have been repressive but it still knew the value of life. The enemy that we fight today is more than willing to crash planes into buildings, strap bombs to their children to injure soldiers who only bring candy, chain their followers to the wheel of cars and hold their families' hostage unless they plow their portable bomb into a will please a work signup station for the unemployed. What do you think these people would do if they got their hands on a chemi- said membe cal or nuclear weapon? Yes, we an audition went to war on circumstantial tion, studen evidence, but you could win millions of dollars in the United States suing a doctor for malpractice with less evidence. The left might be right; a four-month tour in Vietnam shows the world that you can defend our country and switch sides when it is popular. It must also show that the 73 percent of soldiers in the National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty who were polled by Army Times want President Bush as their Commander in Chief are just war delusional from their year and a half in Iraq. I just wonder who has the better context of

whether Iraq is better off. As to the Filler Column this week and every other week I've read it since I first arrived at Northwestern a year ago it takes facts and distorts them to fit its agenda. Saddam, who misled the world and broke UN resolutions with no accountability has found its spirit alive and well in your column, until today. It quotes Rush this week saying "Fear can be a motivator." Too bad it was a response to a caller who fears another ter rorist attack is imminent especially if John Kerry is elected President. It better be a motivator because we in America fear for our own lives and for those of us who have children fear for their future. The Filler would like us to be cherry pickers of the truth to hide our own desire for life and our beliefs. If that fear for life is the Republican Agenda, then I'm all for it because I live in the real world where life needs to be defended both here and abroad. On a side out a large of note, John Kerry is not Catholic by said. "Th That is a story for another day.

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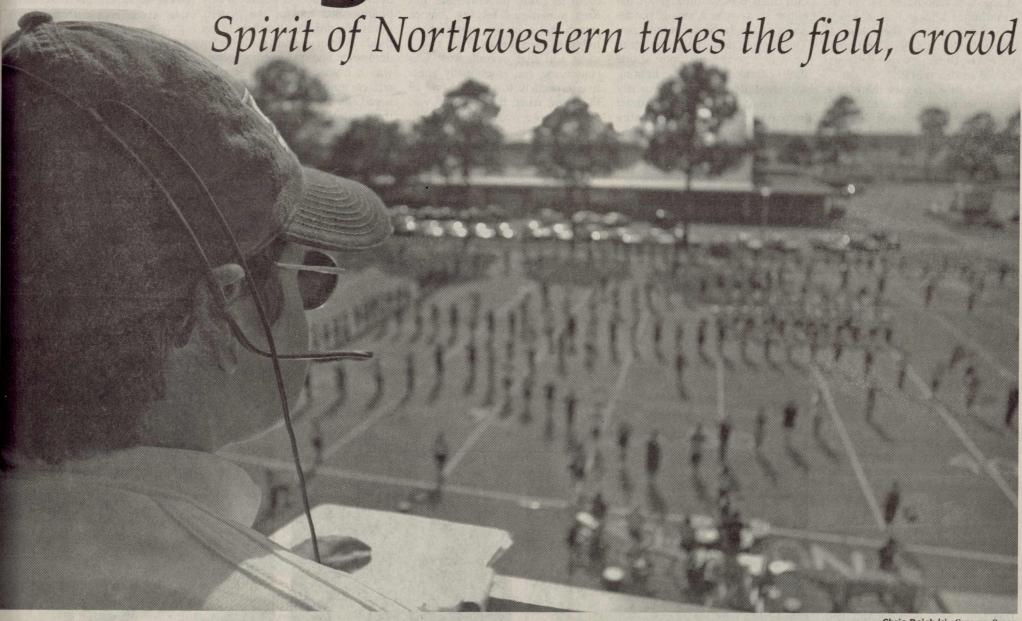
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Making of the band



Chris Reich/the CURRENT SAUCE one missile Caroline Beatty, assistant band director, observes the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band as it rehearses the final sets of this week's half-time show. More photos of the band can be found on page 6.

> Sauce Reporter Raquel Hill Life Editor

Lights, camera, halftime. The Spirit of Northwestern

The Northwestern band and staff work to put together a show that bomb into a will please and entertain the audi-

ence. This is how it's done.

William Brent, director of bands, s on a chemisaid members are selected through on? Yes, we an audition process. In the audiumstantial tion, students select music of their ould win choice, which is usually a solo or an

By Allison Boswell etude they have prepared other auditions. Brent said the staff does not require participants to sight read or perform scales.

"We consider their audition, naturally, but we also look at high school achievement records, band directors recommendation and high school GPA," Brent said. He said students who have made allstate or orchestra are given top con-number of members they can start sideration.

"We also look for people who are enthusiastic, who want to be here, who enjoy being here," Caroline Beatty, associate director of bands, said. She also said the members are nice, fun, attentive and do what

they need to do.

February to discuss music ideas. They try to select songs that will entertain the audience; for example, movie themes and other popular music. He said they also look at length because the show cannot run over the specified seven or eight minutes. If it does, the team will be penalized. When the band meets in August and has the set

to design and chart drill. The most time consuming process is designing drill, which is the shapes the band makes on the field. The drill is designed by Jeff Mathews, director of student affairs and organizations.

Mathews, the former associate Brent said the band staff meets in director of bands, said the first step

is to figure out what is happening musically. A segment sheet is used to describe what is happening in each measure and the idea is to move with music in a complimentary manner. He said if there is too much musical difficulty or fast notes, the band does not move as

He said each band member has to develop a mental grid of what the football field looks like. Mathews said they have to learn where the hash marks are in relation to the sidelines and where the hash marks are in relation to each other. He said they are taught to march 8 to 5, which is eight steps for every five because the instruments are so

Mathews said each member

knows how many counts it takes to get from one spot to the next.

For example, it takes 32 equal counts, meaning 32 equal steps, to get from point A to point B. He said they cannot arrive at their spots early or late because the shapes will not form correctly. For example, it takes 64 equal counts to form the shape of a heart, so they have to get to their spot in 64 equal counts for it to form correctly. The specified amount of counts is what helps the shape evolve.

"Each instrument is its own animal. For example, you can't put the tuba players too close together

■ See Band, page 6

## SAB Events kick off NSU Homecoming

By Savanna Mahaffey Sauce Reporter

NSU's Homecoming week, with the theme "Dancing Through the Decades," began Monday at the ir year and a Student Activities Board sponsored kick-off party and will continue until the Homecoming game against McNeese State University Saturday afternoon.

SAB Special Events Committee Chair Mia Guillory said she has been planning for Homecoming Week since she was elected last Year, and that the SAB has also nd broke UN been busy preparing for this week.

"We fish around and try to think rit alive and of things that haven't been done before," Guillory said. "A lot of it is h this week tradition, though. We just try to revamp it."

The kick-off party ran from 11 s another ter a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Student Union. Flocks of students lined up for free meat pies, rice be a motiva- dressing, rolls, cookies and sodas, which were served by SAB mem-

dren fear for Ringwalds, returned for its second Year to perform at the kick-off r own desire party. Guillory said the SAB usualy does something new every year, but the band was invited again because of student requests.

"We brought back the Molly be defended Ringwalds because they brought d. On a side Out a large crowd last year," Guillonot Catholic by popular demand."

Ty said. "They were brought back by popular demand."

Dressed in costumes and make-

up, the band played well-known rock and pop songs from the 80s. The band had to seek shelter from the misting rain, but the weather

A blood drive by LifeShare Blood Center began Monday, and it will continue until Friday afternoon.

On Tuesday, the SAB hosted the Lip Sync and Homecoming Hunnies competition at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Over 500 students turned out for the event, and 18 acts performed to various tunes from past decades. The Homecoming Court performed a dance routine for the crowd while

wearing gold cardboard crowns. Greek organizations, the NSU Demons Sweethearts and the African American Caucus performed dance routines. The performances kept with the theme of "Dancing Through the Decades" by imitating Elvis Presley, Nancy Sinatra, Grease actors, the Beach Boys and Michael Jackson.

Costumed performers jitter bugged, disco danced, tumbled, moon walked, did the "Footloose" line dance, the "Macarena" and the

The Homecoming Hunnies competition featured six coupled dance routines and an acapella solo. The winners of the Homecoming Hunnies competition were Jeremy McLaren, who represented Pi Kappa Phi, and DeShae Hughes, who is a member of Phi Mu.

The two performed a choreographed dance routine from the 80s film, "Dirty Dancing."

The couple said that they only spent two hours practicing for the performance but had to spend more time cutting their music. Neither expected to actually win the

Hughes said she and McLaren American Caucus came in first. chose the "Dirty Dancing" routine because they thought it would be their performances.



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE

Deidri Samson, a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, lip syncs to "Rolling on the River" Tuesday night at the Homecoming week lip sync contest in the Student Union Ballroom.

"Honestly, we didn't think anyone else would do it," Hughes said. "I'm a dancer, and he's a good dancer, and we just wanted to show what we could do. We just wanted to have fun; we didn't think we would win.'

The winners of the sorority category were third place, Alpha Sigma Alpha; second place, Phi Mu and Delta Sigma Theta; and first place, Sigma Sigma Sigma.

In the fraternity category, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Nu tied for second, and Pi Kappa Phi walked away with first.

The NSU Demons Sweethearts took second in the General Activities category, and the African All winners received trophies for

Wednesday was Purple Pride Day, and students and faculty wore purple to show their Demon spirit. Also, Demons turned out for the one mile Fun Run, which began at p.m. in front of the Student Union.

Tonight, the "Too Hot to Handle" bonfire will begin at 8 p.m. at the bottom of Greek Hill. A viewing of "Shrek 2" will immediately follow the bonfire on the big-screen. Attendees are asked to bring blankets or chairs.

Friday, the Homecoming parade line-up will start at 4 p.m., and the parade kick-off is scheduled for 5 p.m. The parade is for both the NSU and Natchitoches communities, and it will begin at Prather Coliseum and end at the downtown riverbank.

The parade will be followed by a ed.

pep rally on the riverfront.

Saturday, alumni tailgating will begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. The Alumni Association will be serving plate lunches for \$5 per person. Tailgating activities will take place at the field adjacent to Turpin Stadium.

The Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band will perform a pre-game show, and the game between NSU and McNeese will begin at 4 p.m.

Halftime ceremonies will be held at about 5:30 p.m. The marching band will perform, and the Homecoming Court will be presented. Also, the Long Purple Line Award, the Excellence in Teaching Award, the Distinguished Service Award and the President's Distinguished Service Award will all be present-

Fashionable

### Work your flirty fall fashions

There are probably only a few people on campus who can actually wear every single piece of clothing in their closet. For those select few, Kudos to you! However, for the rest of us that wallow in the depths of our fashion faux pas, it can be hard to decipher what is wearable and what is not. Well, here is the good news, folks... It's all wearable! This fall, make use of those hidden treasures.

If you bought a super short mini skirt or a top that screams va-va-va-voom you might be reluctant to take it out of the closet. Working up the nerve to wear pieces that may seem risqué is half the battle. To ease the pain during fall, try combining that mini with a brightly colored long-sleeved blouse under a shrunken blazer. Shrunken blazers are the hottest thing to come off the runways and are definitely relevant to our unpredictable Louisiana weather. Add some simple accessories like some bangle bracelets and hoop earrings, and you've got one hip lookin' ensemble. Or perhaps you're dying to show off that outrageous top you bought out of impulse—it's a super wide-neck, off-the-shoulder number. Combine it with a pair of hip-slung, light-wash jeans with a ribbon belt and stiletto pumps. You'll own every pair of eyes that ogle you as you pass—and in a good

Another extreme piece in your closet may not even be clothing. It might be jewelry or even shoes. I know I have a rather large ruby crucifix choker-necklace that I still haven't had the gall to wear in public yet, but I am determined to wear it soon. Perhaps it is too "gothic" for an all black ensemble, but it might look perfectly acceptable with a racy red dress that shapes your figure or even with a classic black suit. An unusual piece of jewelry like this is the perfect way to liven up something that is usually parochial and drab.

Or if your mother gave you a beautiful set of oversized pearls, and you really have nothing too classic in your wardrobe to pair it with, spice up a mini-T and some dark wash boot-cut denims with your pearly gams-you'll be a class act! If you just have to own a pair of open-toed stiletto heels, a problem could arise if there's nothing to wear with them. However, nowadays sandaledheels are getting to be more and more popular when worn with jeans. If you've got a pair of jeans that make your tush look great, stick on those heels and your legs will look miles high. And don't worry about the cold weather: sometimes you've got to make a few sacrifices to look like a god-

So here are the last words of advice I will leave you with. If you want to look like a hot mama, you've got you think like a hot mama. The only way you can pull off a "unique" outfit is to be confident about it. After you finally get the whole outfit together, look in the mirror and realize, hey, it's fall. The weather's cooler and you can feel free to let go of all your fashion inhibitions. So, let this season be your time to shine and be conscious of your innermost fashion desires. If you want to wear something different, do it. Just do it with the style and class I know you've got!

Email your questions on fashion, trends or products to Raquel at SaucyFashion@aol.com. Who knows? Your question could be feature in the next issue of the CURRENT SAUCE.

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# 'Two Rooms' makes a right

Sauce Reporter

The fear, pain and doubt of a hostage imprisoned alone in a windowless room crept into Theatre West Friday night when the theater department presented Lee Blessing's "Two Rooms."

This emotionally and politically charged psychodrama set in the tumultuous Middle East is as relevant today as it was when Blessings wrote it in the late 1980s, and director Kerry Lambert's cast delivered a solid rendition of it.

As the title suggests, the play is set in two rooms. One is the cell of Michael Wells (Nathanial Rust), an American professor being held as a political prisoner in Beirut. The other is his study in his home back in the states, a room that his wife nical aspects of a show are, the Lainie (Etienna Qualls) has stripped of all furniture and decorations in an attempt to relate to her husband's situation. These two characters are supplemented by Ellen Van Oss (Gretchen Johnson),

By Kyle Shirley ernment assigned to keep Qualls rags, caked dirt and bruises of his did so splendidly. He seemed confrom talking to the press, and Walker Harris (Brian Jarreau), a reporter who wants Qualls to speak out.

Lambert wisely took a minimalist approach to the set design, relying on the natural eerie ambience of Theatre West rather than attempting to force unnecessary outside elements into the venue. In fact, the only item present throughout the entire show was a small, nondescript mat in the center of the room. This simple design left the stage open to echo the emptiness inside the separated lovers. The lighting was well designed and expertly executed. It alternately highlighted individual characters and the entire theater as moods and situations shifted.

But no matter how good the techactors are the ones truly responsible for a performance's success or failure. Rust effectively conveyed the broken spirit of a man clinging to his last vestige of hope. His body language was superb, and was a representative for the U.S. gov- complemented well by the tattered

costume. Rust genuinely looked like a man who had been dragged through hell. His voice quivered with inner pain, but unfortunately his delivery was somewhat spotty.

At times, Rust drug his lines out so far that he seemed as if he had forgotten what words came next. The script allowed for plenty of room to pause for emphasis, but Rust sometimes let the silence punch holes in his monologues, reducing their impact. That said, I must add that overall, Rust was convincing and emotionally effective, especially toward the end of the show, when his blindfold was removed to reveal the suffering in

Jarreau also used his body well, especially his facial expressions. His face was often more emotive than his voice, and his delivery was, for the most part, firm and consistent. As a supporting character, Jarreau's main function was to interact with Qualls in a way that allowed her to probe the range of

tent to let the audience focus on her, keeping his performance simple to contrast the complexity of hers. Jarreau did not shine as much in this role as he has in the past, but he served his function well and seems to be maturing as an actor.

The true stars of this show were most certainly the women. Johnson delivered a spot-on portrayal of a brainwashed tool of the system, never faltering for a moment in her fluid delivery and patronizing demeanor. She spoke as if she truly was a trained politician, sending out carefully chosen words with speed and precision; she spoke as if the words were truly hers. Her posture conveyed an air of confidence and efficiency, making her seem more like a soulless machine than a human at times. This was completely appropriate for what her character represented, but Johnson did not stop there. She allowed moments of concern and doubt to creep out, reminding the audience that even the most heartless indiher character's emotions, and he vidual still retains some humanity.

Despite Johnson's near-flawle performance, the focus of this show was most certainly on Qualls. Sh managed to flow smoothly through a vast array of emotions, some times shifting with such speed and proficiency that I was genuine NSU 1 startled. Her face accurately can tured brief moments of hope a NSU well as insurmountable despair secutiv Her voice wept with sadness and volleyb roared with rage. Although Rust games character was the one being phys 34, 30cally tortured, Qualls was the on Convoc who truly suffered. She was with day nig out a doubt the heart and soul of this show, and I expect great thing Demon eague from her in future roles.

These performances combined improv offer an emotional side to curren Isabe political issues, and I comment King 1 Lambert for producing this show Everyone involved displayed both natural talent and the potential to progress. I look forward seein more theater productions this sea

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big," Mathews said. "The color guard are eight steps apart so they have enough room to do their rou-

Once the drill is written and charted it is handed throughout the sections. Brent said it usually takes two rehearsals to learn the drill and two rehearsals to make it

The band rehearses every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Members practice putting both music and drill on the field. Included within the band are two auxiliary units: the Demon Heat Color Guard and the Demon Dazzlers. Each perform routines that complement the show music.

"Entertainment," Brent said, " is the name of the game."

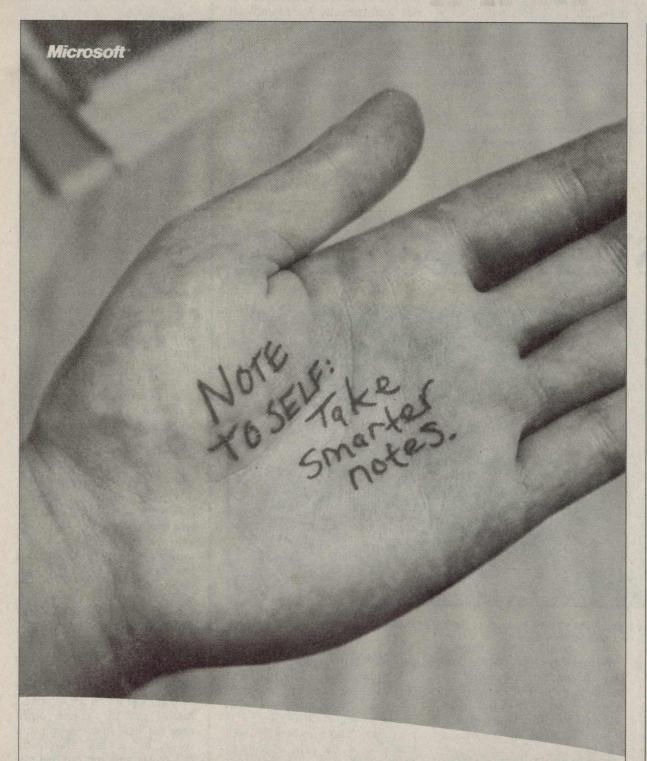
The SON will perform a show consisting of the themes from "Back to the future," "Beetlejuice" and "Batman" this week during halftime at the game against McNeese State.



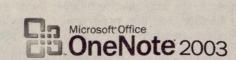




Chris Reich / the CURRENT SA (Left) Woodwind players rehearse their music as Drum Major Evan McCormick directs. (Center) Spirit of Northwestern Drum Major Heather Whorton leads the band during rehearsal on Monday. (Right) Tenor players show off their skills while running through "Back To the Future."



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**Courtesy** with 12 kills apiece, while Janel blocks. Duarte added a teamhigh 17 digs and Flavia Beto turned in 28 assists.

to action on Friday when they travel to take on Stephen F. Austin. NSU will return home on Oct. 19 when it hosts Louisiana-Monroe.

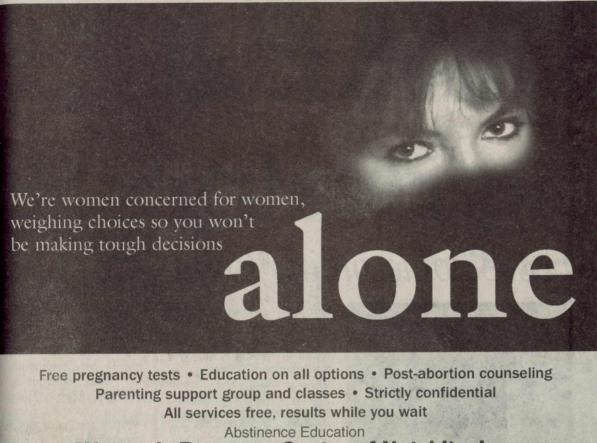
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The loss drops the Lady Sports Information Fisher added 10 kills and four Demons to 9-8 overall and 5-3 in the league.

> NSU is now tied for second with Texas-San Antonio, the The Lady Demons will return Lady Demons' opponent on Saturday. Texas State improves to 12-4 and 6-2. The loss also snapped NSU's school record five-match SLC winning streak.

Whitney King led the Lady Demons with 13 kills while Flavia Belo recorded her team leading eighth double-double of the season with a team-high 18 digs and 17 assists.

The Bobcats had two players in double figure digits in kills with Kacee Rogers leading the team with 14. Elizabeth Stark added 13 for her team.



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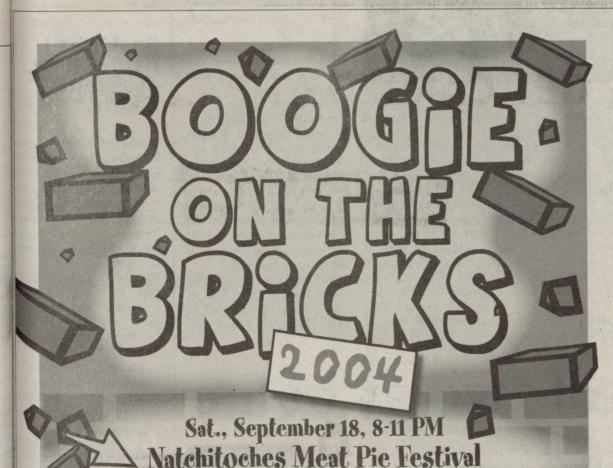
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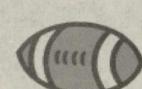
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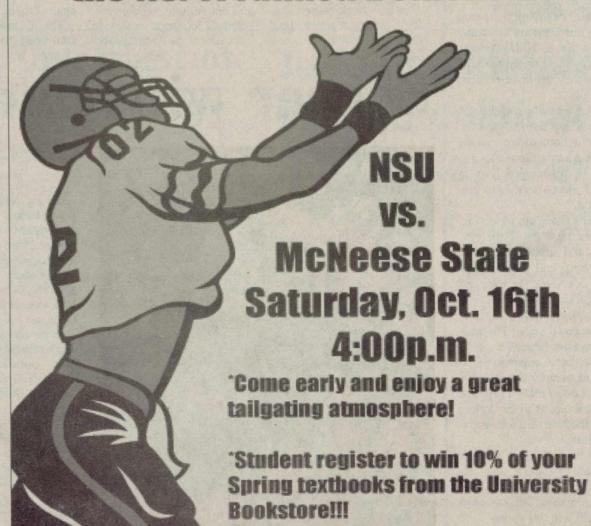
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### Going to the Game

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Is there anything to do this weekend?

Let me try to figure this one out. There are some pretty good movies out like "Ladder 49," "Friday Night Lights" and "Team America: World Police."

However, there has to be something else to do besides watch a movie.

Can I play my PlayStation 2? Nah, Madden 2003 has lost its flavor. Can I actually go outside and get some fresh air and exercise? I should, but I am too lazy. Hmm...I think I figured it

We have a football game, at home this Saturday against hated McNeese State, and it happens to be Homecoming.

I have waited for this game for the past two years, ever since McNeese rode into Turpin Stadium two years ago and beat us 27-3 before a record crowd of 17,031 screaming fans.

Combine that with the Demons' close 9-13 loss to the Cowboys last year, and we have a game to watch. I just hope that we all show up to watch it.

There is always a flurry of activities during NSU's Homecoming Week. This year they include a kickoff party, lip sync contest, bonfire and of course, the parade and pep rally.

However, the actual game often gets lost in all of the hoopla.

I can guarantee that McNeese's fans will show up in full force on Saturday. They are going to show up in their blue and yellow outfits, ring their cowbells and do that stupid clap if and when McNeese scores.

Despite the ridiculousness of their actions, they have a strong passion for their team, and we lack sadly in that area.

I am not saying we do not love our Demons, but come on; a lot of NSU students feel more strongly for LSU than they do for their own

McNeese's fans will probably fill up half the stadium on our homecoming game. That sounds wrong to me, but it can happen. We, as NSU supporters, can prevent it.

Let's show up, wear NSU colors, raise the "Fork 'em" sign and support the team. Jump up and cheer, heckle the McNeese bench and raise Cain; I don't care.

As the Under Armour commercial says, "We must protect this house."

We have reasons to be proud because the Demons are on a roll. They are ranked No. 11 in the nation, and they are on a four-game winning streak. T

he running game is going on all cylinders, and the Purple Swarm looks unstoppable. We can and should win this game.

A heated rivalry with early championship ramifications; a fan cannot ask for anything more.

So you can either watch a movie or go to your Homecoming game. Just remember: a movie costs \$7, and the game is free. Does that make your decision any eas-



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service The Purple Swarm defense stops a McNeese State running back last season in Lake Charles. The Purple Swarm held the Cowboys to only 183 yards rushing with not touchdowns

# Homecoming rivalry

## Demons hope to lasso the Cowboys homecoming night

By Patrick West Sports Editor

Homecoming activities come to an end Saturday at Turpin Stadium with a clash between two of the top teams in the Southland Conference as the NSU Demons square off against the McNeese State Cowboys.

Last season, NSU nearly beat the Cowboys in Lake Charles, but fell short 13-9. The Cowboys lead the alltime series between the two schools 32-20-1.

The Cowboys have won the last three meetings with the 2000 season 37-34 at defense in Division I-AA. Turpin.

while the Cowboys have been lassoed for the second straight week. Both teams are coming off bye weeks.

"This is a big game for us," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said. "Any time we play McNeese is huge, but you have to go through the best to get on top."

The bye week helped several Demon starters heal

Defensive starters David Pittman, Quintene Newhouse, Tory Collins and Gary Wesley will start against the Cowboys.

Demon offensive players Mark Morris, Ben Bailey and Marcus Gatlin will also return for Saturday's game.

All of the injured players missed the Oklahoma Panhandle State game.

"This is the healthiest we have been in a while," Stoker said. "Everybody will be back on the sidelines for us and I am anxious to see how we all play together."

NSU enters Saturday's the Demons' last victory in contest with the top-ranked

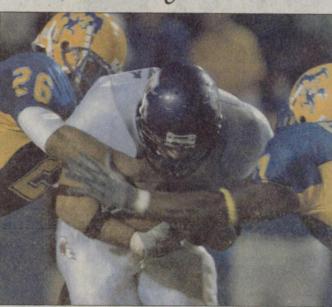
The Purple Swarm defens-The Demons have been on es leads Division I-AA in a roll winning their last four total defense allowing a meastraight football games, ger 214.2 yards per game and \*are first in rushing defense allowing a meek 63.4 ypg.

The Purple Swarm also

leads the SLC in passing defense, scoring defense and pass efficiency defense.

A pair of linebackers led the Demons in tackles with Paul Mefford who has 36 total tackles with 1.5 sacks and one fumble recovery.

Jamall Johnson, weak side



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service boy defense. Banna hopes to beat the Cowboys in his final season.

les with one blocked kick. Ed the season as NSU is ranked Queen leads the Demons with 4.5 sacks while Pittman offense with 411.6 ypg. leads in interceptions with

McNeese and not give up the big plays," Stoker said. "It will be tough competition, and I cannot wait and see how we play defensively against them."

second in the SLC in total

The Demons are also ranked second in rushing "We need to contain and scoring offense with 248.6 rushing ypg and averaging 38 points per game.

Offensively, the Demons are led by their running game, which is spear headed by Derrick Johnese and Shel-The Demon offense has ton Sampson. Johnese is Sampson is averaging 60

ypg.
The Demons will continue to use a two-quarterback system against the Cowboys, as Connor Morel and Davon Vinson will see playing time.

Morel has thrown for 439 yards passing on 32 of 54 aim with three touchdowns while Vinson has thrown for 376 yards passing on 31 of 57 aim with three touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Scott Pendarvis, who is averaging 154 ypg in total offense, leads the Cowboys.

Pendarvis has completed 52.7 percent of his passes and has five touchdowns with eight interceptions.

The game between the two-heated rivals will probably come down to the last minute since five of the last six match ups have been decided by a touchdown or less, two in the final seconds of play.

The game will be televised live on the College Sports Television as the Division I-AA game of the week.

Kick off is set for 4 p.m., and tickets are going fast, so students and faculty need to pick them up before the

### from nagging injuries. linebacker, has 35 total tack- continued to improve over averaging 80 ypg while Soccer wins one of two at home



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Freshman defender Kaitlin Bowman and a Nicholls defender both jump for the soccer ball in Sunday's soccer game. NSU won 3-0.

Sauce Reporter

was blanked 2-0 by Southeastern Louisiana University Friday, but managed to turn around Sunday and come up with a shutout of their own against Nicholls State, in a wet weekend of Southland Conference play.

stant rain NSU almost doubled Southeastern's shot attempts 15-8 at the Demon Soccer Complex in an aggressive game Friday night, the Demons were unable to get one past the Lion's goalkeeper.

Demon head coach Jimmy Mitchell said this was a tough loss for his team, especially because of their level of

"We just need to finish, just score goals," Mitchell said. "We played extremely well. I felt we deserved to win."

After what coach Mitchell called "a very emotional locker room" Friday night, the Demons came out Sunday to dominate Nicholls 3-0 in another rainy game. It was played in Turpin Stadium

By Justin Hebert due to the terrible field conditions at the soccer complex.

With the win, NSU NSU's Demon soccer team improved their overall record to 6-9 and managed to break above a .500 winning percentage in the Southland Conference with a 4-3 mark.

With only 2:44 burned off the clock, the Demons went up 1-0 with Julie Zavala's fifth goal for the year on an Even though under con- open shot from right in front of the goal.

"We were very intense but then relaxed after we scored," Mitchell said.

Freshman goalkeeper Krystle Donaldson, picked up her first career shutout, in which she played the whole game, and picked up four saves on Lion's shots.

"I thought her performance was excellent...especially in these conditions," Mitchell said. "This game will really help her confidence."

The Demons added two more goals in the second half. One was by sophomore midfielder Marliese Latiolais with a great assist from another sophomore, Mya Walsh.

The second came from a play Texas State at 7 p.m.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Natalie Waguespack kicks the wet soccer ball Friday night.

heads-up put back by senior Dani Thomas.

The Demon's soccer team will continue SLC play at McNeese State Friday at 4 p.m. and then at Stephen F. Austin, Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Demons will return home again on Oct. 22 to

Spor This Just In

### Sports Information Bureau FOOTBALL

**NSU** honors

athletes Saturday

Five of the greatest ath letes in Northwestern State history, including All-Amer. icans Brian Brown and Ter. essa. Thomas Lewis, will be enshrined in the university's Graduate N Club Hall Fame Saturday morning a 11 prior to the Demons' p.m. Homecoming footbal game against McNeese

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Lewis, a Lady Demon basketball star from 1983-86 and Brown, a world class high jumper while competing for NSU from 1987-90 will be joined by trackSAB standout Billy Hudson great Kemp Com baseball "Flash" Gordon and footbal The S all-star Butch Ballard in the omic at 2004 induction class.

Graduate N Club Hall of Fame "Lifetime Achieve." ment" awards will be pre nion. sented to longtime Demon Only fi Sports Network play byfar. They play announcer Normorize. Fletcher and Dr. Jesse Horner, a former Demor intertain basketball player and a distinguished professor industrial technology Texas Southern.

They will be honored during 11 a.m. ceremonies in the east concourse Prather Coliseum. The pub SGA

lic is invited at no charge.

After receiving the uni versity's highest honor for SGA se student-athletes, the fivestudents greats will be introduced ire before kickoff of Saturday's Matt Ba football game at Turpin Sta Committee dium.

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### Basketball names new assistant coach

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The hiring of Aguilar, 31 The wall has been approved by then the din Board of Supervisors of the indecided University of Louisiana sys

He joins holdover assistant coach Kia Converse and new graduate assistanstude coach Kyle Bobbitt, a former The office student assistant coach in hiversity the NSU men's basketba host t program, on Graf's coaching

Aguilar came to North On Nov. western from Ruston High the Nat School, where he was an sponsor assistant coach last year as pace is I the Lady Bearcats went 28.900n. and reached the second A progra round of the Class 5A play bout?" w the Stu

Before coaching at Rus m. Pros ton, he was on the women's searching basketball staff at Trinity eparing Valley, helping the Lad Cardinals to a No. 2 nation GRE Str al ranking in junior college competition and a 33 record before a loss to arch have t rival Tyler Junior College the regional finals.

His 10 years of coaching formatio experience also include and Adult serving as the assistant rollment coach at Mexia (Texas) Hig School, which captured the correct 2001 Texas Class 3A state championship. Aguilar is 1994 graduate of Texa A&M-Commerce, where he was a Dean's List student if kinesiology and interdisc Sauce plinary studies.

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## Softball hires new head coach

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### Blast from the past!

Take a trip down memory lane as the Sauce remembers pop culture and NSU's past.

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### Sauce on the Side

### by track SAB to present Last Demon Hudson Comic Standing in the Alley

nd footbal The Student Activities Board is looking for the best

The SAB will host the Last Demon Comic Standing Achieve on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Alley of the Student

ll be pre Inion.

ne Demon Only five students have auditioned for the show so play by ar. They are all hoping to walk away with the \$50

Or. Jesse Benji Brown, who is a professional comic from Black Demoi ntertainment Television, will be there to open and dose the show. He will also be one of the judges of the essor of ontestants. The audience will also judge, so all demon ology a supporters are invited to laugh it up and vote for the best comic on campus.

### The pub SGA senators meet and greet charge students, discuss campus issues

honor for SGA senators will be walking around campus to greet the five students and find out what their ideas and concerns ntroduced

Saturday Matt Bartley, commissioner of the SGA Student Affairs Furpin Statommittee, heads the project, SGA Walks. He said the urpose of the walks is give students the chance to get know their senators and discuss their problems with

> "A lot of students don't know who SGA senators are what they can do," said Bartley.

The SGA Walks will also allow senators to receive a irst hand look at the problems students face. Senior Senator Jerry Whorton said he is excited about the dy Demor portunity to have a better perspective of student

n Jennifer Oncerns. pleted he When I was freshman, I lived on campus and we th the hir were mostly concerned with food service and housing," oach David Whorton said. "Now those aren't big problems any-10 season nore, especially with the new residential project that is ade highly development. I am interested in knowing what con-

Texas high The SGA Walks also fulfill a requirement of the SGA nationally institution to have a meeting day for senators with nen's properties students. In addition to the Meet rour Senator ty Valley by, which is scheduled for Tuesday, the SGA Walks will the Valley by students to become acquainted with their senalow students to become acquainted with their senaunity Col-

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Aguilar, 31 The walks should take place about every other week ved by then the dining and housing facilities, but it has been isors of the indecided how long they will be available.

**Tamara Carter** 

### over assis rograms planned to prepare assistan students for graduate school

itt, a formen The offices of Graduate Studies and Research and t coach in hiversity Recruiting for Graduate and Adult Studies basketbal host the Graduate School Preparation Extravaganza f's coaching ith three events in November.

to North on Nov. 3, there will be a GRE practice test at 2 p.m. uston Highthe Natchitoches Room of Russell Hall. This program he was an sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. last year as pace is limited, so interested students must register s went 28-900n.

he second A program titled "Graduate School - What's That All liss 5A' play bout?" will be held on Nov. 10 in the President's Room the Student Union at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 ng at Rus m. Prospective graduate students will receive tips on he women searching graduate majors, applying to programs and at Trinit reparing for entrance exams.

lo. 2 nation GRE Strategy Sessions" presented by The Princeton nior colleg eview will take place Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in and a 33-1 President's Room of the Student Union. Students nd a 33. Pe President's Room of the Student Union. Stude loss to archill have the opportunity to learn score increasing or College is rategies.

Is. All events are free to juniors and seniors. For more of coaching formation, contact: University Recruiting for Graduate o include and Adult Studies at 357-6000 or e-mail e assistan rollment@nsula.edu.

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In the Oct. 7 issue of the Sauce, Elizabeth Bolt's story "Morning-after pill" reported re, where he hat the Women's Resource center distributes free birth control, but it does not. The st student 1 d interdisc Sauce apologizes for the mistake.

## NSU, BPCC tie knot at signing

NSU President Randall Webb and Bossier Parish Community College Chancellor Tom Carleton signed a memorandum of agreement Monday that will bring a branch of BPCC to NSU's campus.

The signing ceremony took place Wednesday in the President's Room of Russell Hall. Members of the Board of Regents and Supervisors, former Louisiana state representative Jimmy Long and other guests attended the signing.

Long said Wednesday's semester.

By Leslie Westbrook ceremony marked six years Photo Editor of work and dedication between both schools to make the BPCC-at-NSU tran-

NSU's selective admissions will begin in fall 2005. BPCC facilities on campus will allow students who do not meet admissions standards to enroll in BPCC at

Students will take remedial courses before transferring into an NSU curriculum.

The Sauce reported two weeks ago that BPCC plans to begin admitting students this spring for the fall 2005



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

University President Randall Webb and Chancellor Tom Carleton from Bossier Parish Community College sign the official agreement between the two groups to open a branch of BPCC at NSU.

## Passing on the crown



The newly crowned NSU Homecoming queen and king, Ashley Dunham and Brandon Cormier are honored during the halftime presentation at the Homecoming football game against McNeese Saturday. They are joined by University President Randall Webb and last year's Homecoming queen and king, Jessica Breaux and Lamar Bryant, who passed on their titles.

For more Homecoming photos, see Page 3

### Student Supreme Court revamped

By Kyle Shirley Sauce Reporter

The SGA Supreme Court is being rebuilt after starting off this semester with no members; all of last semester's justices graduated.

To become a justice, a student must receive a recommendation from the SGA president and then be voted in by the senate.

The SGA has currently filled five of the seven positions on the court, enough members to function under the SGA constitution's guidelines.

Ashlie Fisher, a senior general studies major, is one of the new justices. Fisher said she approached SGA President Mindy McConnell and asked to be appointed.

"I had been on the senate before, so I was interested in it," Fisher said.

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## Police continue investigation in White Columns shooting

Police chief says no new information is available.

News Editor

There have been no new developments concerning the shooting on Sept. 24 that left one student dead and another injured.

the Natchitoches Police care for a gun-shoot wound Department said currently the police are waiting to review information from crime labs in Shreveport and Alexandria before commenting further on the case.

There have not been any doing well and is still in Natchitoches Police have no new information about the

The shooting involved Roger Lockhart, 18, account-By Kyle A. Carter ing major, and his roommate Gregory Franklin, 19, industrial engineering technology

According to police reports, after the shooting, Lockhart drove himself to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Chief Keith Thompson of where he received emergency to the back.

Lockhart was then transported by ambulance to the LSUS Medical Center in Shreveport.

Lockhart's mother said he of New Orleans.

further leads into suspects or Shreveport. She also said he cause. Thompson said the is unable to make any comments at this time.

> Lockhart's roommate Franklin died as a result from a gun-shoot wound to the

According to police reports, Lockhart told police that two-armed assailants entered their apartment and demanded money from the

Lockhart said he and Franklin gave the assailants all of their money and were then shot.

This incident took place in the two students' apartment at the White Columns on Fish Hatchery Road.

Both victims were residents

## Judge candidate second political science lecturer

By Lora Sheppard four-year term on the Natchi-Opinions Editor

George



Celles IV, candidate for 10th district judge, NSU visited Monday as the second part of a

**CELLES** lecture series presented by the Political Science Club.

Celles, a native of Natchitoches, is an alumnus of NSU where he graduated with a bachelor's in business. He received a law degree from LSU in 1985. He served a

toches Parish Police Jury and is currently the assistant district attorney.

He said he has a broad civil practice as a lawyer including defense litigation, insurance cases usually dealing in personal injury, juvenile defense, domestic cases and commercial law.

"As an attorney, I've felt we should always serve the public," Celles said.

Celles is a Democrat and a member of several organizations including the Louisiana Bar Association and the

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Monday Thunderstorms

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Tuesday Thunderstorms

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Police Blotter

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Photography Club The photography club has weekly meetings on Monday at 7 p.m. in Room 205 in the CAPA

The meetings are open to all students.

Native American Student and **Faculty Association** 

Meetings are Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Room 316 of the Student Union. For more information call Michael Ashworth at (318) 572-

**The Wesley Foundation** Come and worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. or join a small group. Visit our building on College Ave. across from the Alumni Center or call us at 352-2888. The Foundation is now a hot spot for wireless Internet.

ACS

The American Chemical Society (ACS) will host its monthly Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Oct. 27. \$5 multiple buy-ins begins at 6 p.m. at the Rec Center on the by-pass. First Place is \$100 CASH with

son followed a similar path to

Johnson said he has spent much

of his time over the past several

years in the SGA office getting to

"I heard that they needed people

for the Supreme Court, and I went

and asked Mindy, and she appoint-

ed me, and I was voted in by the

senators," Johnson said. "It's a sim-

ple little story. Not very dramatic."

does not have regularly scheduled

when the SGA calls upon them to

"If some kind of conflict arises,

or if some kind of interpretation is

needed with the constitution or

Fisher said the Supreme Court

Instead, the justices meet only

appointment.

do so.

know the senators.

COURT FROM PAGE 1

Senior biology major Marc John- just anything in general dealing

smaller cash prizes for second, third and fourth place. For more information email: nsuacs@yahoo.com.

"Celebrate America"

Come join fellow Americans as we celebrate the freedom we have in our great nation and help us honor those who have served our country! "Celebrate America" will be held in Magale Recital Hall located in the CAPA Building on Oct. 29, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

FREE patriotic goodies to the first 150 people and door prizes drawn throughout the program! Event sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternities.

STAT

The Student Technology Advisory Team (STAT) has allocated \$200,000 to fund departmental and individual grants, awarded on a competitive basis, which advance the teaching or learning process within the mission of the University.

All grants are due by Oct. 29th. Contact Jennifer Long in the library for an application or call 357-6482 for more information.

**KNWD** 

ATTENTION RSO LEADERS: KNWD wants to put your organization's information on the air. If your organization has a meeting,

with the SGA, we convene and

make a decision on that," Fisher

Johnson said he believes the

We're not super active or any-

thing, because they only call us

when they need something," John-

Johnson said serving on the

Supreme Court is strictly volunteer

work, since justices do not keep

office hours and do not receive pay.

office," Johnson said. "You know

who the justices are around here,

semester, but Fisher said the jus-

tices will meet to elect a chief jus-

The court has not met this

because we're just hanging out."

"We get to hang out in the

court's function is to clarify confus-

ing matters for the senate.

fund raiser, workshop or special event you want to publicize send the information or a flyer to

Candice Pauley, PSA director Room 109, Kyser Hall 357-KNWD

cpauley001@student.nsula.edu Office hours: MWF 8-10 a.m. TR 9-10 a.m.

Students for a Free Tibet

Students for a Free Tibet is an international organization fighting for the rights of the Tibetans. Students for a Free Tibet meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the front lobby of Morrison Hall.

Contact info: Ciel Dafford 354-9539; Dr Greg Granger 357-4577

SAB The SAB will be holding a canned food drive from Oct. 25 to Nov. 27 in the Student Union Lobby. Cans must be turned in to the SAB Committee Room 232 by

4:30 p.m.

SGA

The Student Government Association will hold "Meet Your Senator Day" on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside of Vic's in the Student Union.

Bring Connections to Kyser 225, or e-mail them to currentsauce@nsula.edu.

"I'm trying to get with Mindy to

see if she is going to be appointing

anyone else in the near future,"

Fisher said. "If not, then we're

going to meet and elect someone."

court will address an issue regard-

ing appointments in the SGA.

After electing a chief justice, the

Johnson said the issue is fairly

McConnell said the other justices

are senior Kelli Miller and fresh-

men Raylie MacDonald and

Johnson said, "I have full faith in

every justice on the Supreme

Court. They're appointed by the

senators, and I trust them. I trust

Jonathan Tullier.

their judgment."

## Local Habitat for Humanity chapter calls on student help

Sauce Reporter

Beginning Monday, NSU students will have the opportunity to help the Natchitoches Parish branch of Habitat for Humanity build homes for those in need.

The Collegiate Challenge is a year-round break program of Habitat for Humanity for groups of five or more students at least 16 years old to volunteer their time working on a home in the state of their

According to the Habitat for Humanity Web site, more than 11,000 high school and college stu-

By Savanna Mahaffey dents participated during the 2004

spring break.

The Natchitoches Parish branch of Habitat for Humanity has already added two homes to the local community. The first house was built on the outskirts of Natchitoches, and the second was built on Bossier Street. A third home is currently in the works on Bossier Street.

The local organization is now accepting applications for volunteers on a fourth home, which will be built in conjunction with the National Lions Club. The club is paying for 75 percent of the house. The location of the home has not

yet been determined.

Coordinator of Natchitoches Parish Habitat for Humanity Glenrose Pit said that the construction of the homes is made possible by the help of students from both NSU and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts as well as members of the community.

LSMSA was the first Louisiana high school chapter of Habitat for Humanity. They volunteer labor and hold fundraisers for the pro-

Over the years, they have built two playhouses for Habitat for

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## **NSU Police Blotter**

10-12-04

9:24 a.m.

There was a wreck in the Caddo Hall parking lot.

11:56 a.m.

A wreck was reported involving a black SUV.

1:20 p.m.

A post office employee accidentally hit a card slider and broke it. An accident report was made, and statements were taken.

A CA from the Columns called to report three men in the parking lot moving and throwing things. Three officers were dispatched to des. look for the suspects.

10-13-04

10:15 p.m.

2:03 a.m. A motorcycle crashed on Behan

7:40 a.m.

Vandalism was reported at the golf course.

There was a wreck in front of Kyser involving a white vehicle and a silver neon. There were no injuries.

11:36 a.m.

The back windshield was busted out of a blue Nissan Altima parked close to Caddo Hall.

Wings

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9:15 p.m.

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There was a wreck in Rapides parking lot involving a red truck and a Ford Thunderbird.

11:24 p.m.

The manager of the Columns called to report residents who had alcohol. An officer was dispatched, but the suspects were gone.

11:49 p.m.

A student adviser for the Louisiana School called to report a group of girls outside Caddo Hall being loud.

10-14-04

9:05 a.m. The fire alarm went off at Rapi-

2:14 p.m.

There was a fight in front of the Student Union. 4:39 p.m.

A female resident of Sabine

called to report that another student was harassing her. 5:24 p.m.

There was a wreck behind the Health and Human Performance building.

10:09 p.m. An RA from Rapides reported

alcohol on campus. 11:02 p.m. A CA from the Columns called to report a resident having a

seizure in front of building six.

4:28 p.m. Another wreck was reported There were no injuries.

building parking lot.

Paramedics were en route.

sue paper and shaving cream.

A car was found rolled with tis

A desk worker at Sabine called

There was a wreck in the TEC

in reference to someone stealing

hubcaps off of a vehicle. An office

10-15-04

2:54 a.m.

7:39 a.m.

was en route.

7:48 a.m.

10-16-04 An RA from Sabine called requesting an ambulance for a student. Paramedics were en route.

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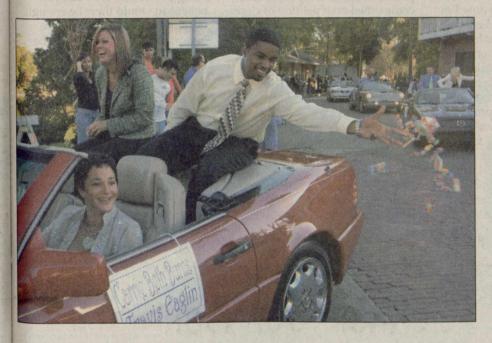


NSU football players run onto the field Saturday before the start of the game. Demon fans saw their winning wishes come true as the Demons pummeled the McNeese Cowboys to a final score of 47-17.

Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

# Homecoming

Students show their NSU pride



ABOVE: Members of the NSU homecoming court Travis Caglin and Carrie Beth Burns are escorted through the homecoming parade that preceded a pep rally Friday.

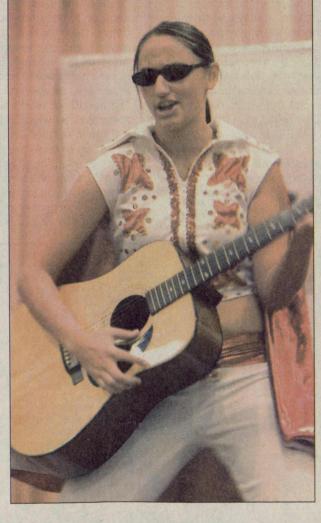
Photo by Leslie Westbrook.

**BELOW:** Demon fans painted themselves Purple to show support for the football team Saturday during the Northwestern vs. McNeese Homecoming game. Photo by Cheryl Thompson.

FAR RIGHT: NSU Homecoming queen and king Ashley Dunham and Brandon Cormier were honored on the football field during halftime at Saturday's homecoming game. Photo by Cheryl Thompson.

RIGHT: Phi Mu member Kristen Tarou impersonates Elvis Presley at the SAB sponsored lip sync contest that was held in the Student Union Ballroom Oct. 12 to kick off the 2004 Homecoming week.

Photo by Leslie Westbrook.







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### How about democracy for a change?



By Justin Shatwell

As a young American, I have been bombarded lately

with appeals from politicians, musicians and actors to go out on Nov. 2 and vote. To their credit, many do not push a political agenda upon me; they just want me to participate in this grand democracy. Without fail, every one of them utters that marvelous lie that keeps this country going: every vote counts.

As we all know, the American people do not vote for the president directly. Rather, we vote for a group of electors who pledge to vote for a certain candidate at the Electoral College. It is this vote, not the popular vote, which determines the next president.

I will not bore you with another argument about how this system is completely anachronistic in the information age. For some unknown reason, people still cling to this relic as a necessary part of our government, and it seems unlikely that it will be discarded anytime soon. Therefore, if we have to live with it, I would like to propose a reform that would bestow a bit more legitimacy on the process.

The main problem with the Electoral College is that it disenfranchises a ridiculous number of people. The vast majority of states have decided to make their presidential elections into an all or nothing game. The candidate who receives the most votes gets all of the states electors. In this system, the person who receives 51 percent of the popular vote gets 100 percent of that state's representation in the Electoral College. Is this really democratic? Doesn't it make more sense to divide electoral representation between the parties to represent the popular vote? In a state with four electoral votes where one candidate gets 75

percent of the vote and the other 25 percent, isn't it just logical to give the first candidate three electors and the other one? Doesn't this better represent the will of the people?

It is easy to accept the established electoral system until you break it down to the personal level. For example, I was in Austin, Texas not too long ago, and I was struck by how liberal the community was. I thought it was amazing that tens of thousands of Democrats lived in the heart of the stronghold of Neo-Conservatism. As I walked the streets of the city, I realized that these people would likely never have a say in who was elected president. No matter how many Democrats flock to Austin, they will always be outnumbered by Republicans. Even if every one of them turned out to vote on Nov. 2, they would never be able to capture a single electoral vote under the current system in Texas.

So does your vote count? Not if you are a Democrat in Texas or a Republican in Massachusetts. So long as we allow our states to be divided into monolithic political strongholds, the only places where the votes of the American people will matter are in the handful of "battleground states" where neither party holds a clear majority. Call me pessimistic or a troublemaker, but I think we can do better than this. We are the oldest Democracy in the modern world; we should have a political system that represents the will of the people. Every vote should count, but until we reform our system in such a way that it benefits the American people and not the political parties, we will never realize this idealistic goal.

Justin Shatwell is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His opinions do not necessarily represent the Sauce staff or the Uni-



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

I got a letter from a regular reader who was pretty upset at last week's column. She said

that it sounded like I was trying to defend Saddam Hussein, and the gist of Mr. Hargis' piece (to some degree also a response since he was given my column to read before publication) would seem to follow similar lines. I now find myself actually forced to state that my point was not that I think Saddam Hussein seems like a swell guy. My point was that Bush and the rest of the Republican machine cast him as a threat by distorting the truth presented to the American public.

This is the plight in which Bush's spin-doctors have placed the contemporary dissenter: agree with your idiot leader or agree with the murdering terrorists. Sounds like a Catch-22, but I'm living proof that there's a middle ground.

I don't know how many times I can say it: we were lied to. The Republicans have engaged in every scummy, underhanded trick in the book since they took control of the American government, not only fanning the flames of xenophobia in the wake of an extremist attack but also playing havoc with procedural rules to push their agenda (i.e. the Medicare bill). This administration has created a color-coded "alert system" to tell us how afraid to be on any given

We are being played like a violin, and I cannot understand how people miss it. I like to think that people are basically intelligent, and the susceptibility of the American populace to this blatant political maneuvering simply astounds

I'd also like to address the ridiculous assertion that electing Kerry will somehow make another terrorist attack more likely. There's already a point-by-point set of recommendations from the 9-11 Commission that both candidates have agreed should and will

be implemented. Besides, the terrorism fervor has been stoked to such heights that, regardless of who wins the office, the next president will have no choice but to comply with the high security standards the public is demanding, even if he were some sort of maladjusted psychopath bent on terrorist rule. My editors have chosen an

unfortunate time to provide a foil for my libertarian rantings. I have only one column remaining with which to convince you that Bush is the worst thing to happen to America since Nixon, so I must limit my response to Mr. Hargis instead of giving him the rebuttal he so richly deserves. He does an excellent job of tracing the paranoid xenophobic buildup that led to a populace capable of being cowed so easily by a government trying to scare them, but he says little other than that he, too, has been cowed.

Indeed, the ideological threat of the "commies" is quite akin to that of "terrorists" with one important strategic difference: terrorists have

no territory to defend, no establishment to protect, no material future that we can attack. Their mission is solely destructive, their territory nonexistent, and as such they make much better bogeymen.

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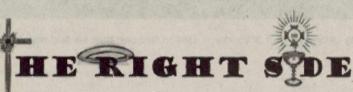
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On a side note, the fact that he can say Saddam did anything with "no accountability" strikes me as wildly ironic, and I'm sure Saddam, in whatever U.S.-controlled sleep-deprivation chamber he's being kept, would find it even more so.

People don't like the Ridiculous Rush segment, so you can all start listening to him yourself if you need to keep tabs on just how dumb he is. This is what happens when you mail me at saucefiller@hotmail.com to tell me what you think. And what the hell are 'cherry pickers of the truth?"

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J. Aaron Brown is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His opinions do not necessarily represent the Sauce staff or the Uni-





By T. Hargis

Dead man...dead man walking! "What does it mean, my brother, to say you have faith if

there are no deeds? Faith without works is dead." No ladies and gentlemen that is not a quote from the Bible but from John Kerry trying way too hard to sound religious in the shadow of a man who lets his actions prove his faith.

Look, I'm not picking on Kerry because he's a Christian, I just want Kerry to stop saying he's Catholic. Sitting in a Catholic church on Sunday and saying you were an altar boy when you grew up does not make you any more Catholic than me sitting in my driveway on Sunday making engine sounds makes me a Corvette. Before I make my case, let it be heard round the world. I am pro-life. If you want to be pro abortion in this country may God bless us for our freedom. But if you want to be Catholic you cannot be anything but pro-life, there

"I believe that choice is a

woman's choice. It's between a woman, God and her doctor. And that's why I support that. Now, I will not allow somebody to come in and change Roe v. Wade... I will not. I will defend the right of Roe v. Wade." Of course, that was again Mr. Kerry during the final debate on his personal stance of abortion. He has said on several occasions that he believes personally abortion to be wrong but could not legislate that on anyone else. Funny, I thought you were elected to lead the people of this country based on your beliefs and stances on the issues. So now I'm confused, he personally believes abortion to be wrong but he will defend the right to have one from anyone who tries to repeal it. In all his years in the Senate he has never voted once to place any restrictions on abortion practices. "Faith without works is dead," remember. So what is his faith?

Brother Webster defines faith as "a fidelity to one's promises or sincerity of intentions." In the Catholic faith, when you receive communion you say in effect you agree with everything the Church teaches and stands for and in

effect are now in communion with its beliefs. So Kerry, who takes communion, is now in open conflict with the very church of which he professes to be a member.

Heresy according to Canon law is the "obstinate denial or doubt, after receiving baptism, of a truth to be believed by divine and part of the Catholic faith." Obstinate denial is when you know what the church teaches is true and by your own disobedience choose to endure over time in a practice opposite that of the church. In a press release Monday the Vatican commented on a petition of clarification on heresy and public stances. It says "A Catholic who publicly professes the right to choose heresy is automatically excommunicated, not by any declaration of the Church per se, but by the acts committed by the individual, and thus being in a state of mortal sin is ineligible to receive any of the Sacraments of the Church, including reception of the Eucharist, marriage, absolution from sin, and even Christian burial until the error is recanted and excommunication is lifted."

John, there are 33,000 different

Christian denominations in the world; surely you can find one that will fit you. I mean if you don't like what your faith teaches just go to the cafeteria line of faith and pick and choose what you want to believe in. Just don't call yourself Catholic, because you aren't. Furthermore, because you are leading people to believe they can have this dual life I must bring up another Bible verse since you got to use one: "Man cannot serve two masters; he will love one and hate the other." If today you were being prosecuted for what you believe in would there be enough evidence to convict you? More importantly, if you profess to be Catholic would you be convicted of being in communion? In regard to next week I'm going to take a week off of politics and move to holidays. Can someone tell me why we are having a harvest fest and what do we harvest anyway?

Therightside@hotmail.com if you feel the need to comment.

Thomas Hargis is a senior general studies major. His opinions do not necessarily represent the Sauce staff or the University.

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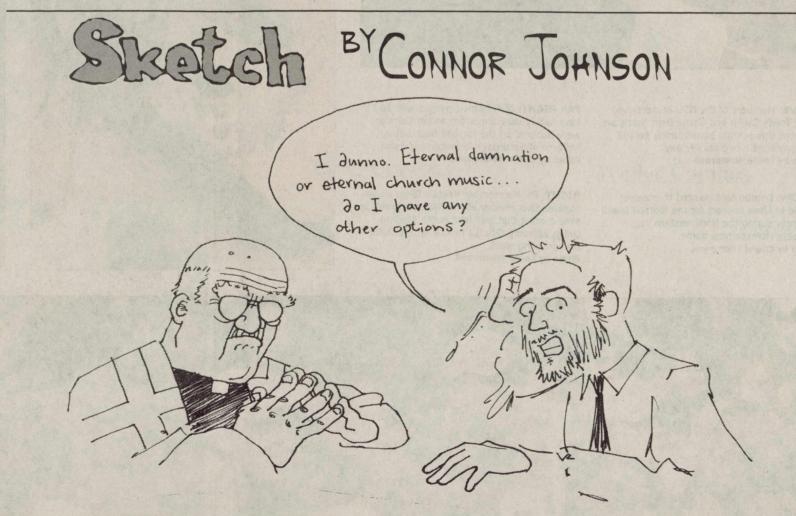
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## Letters to the Editor

### Coach Stoker issues thanks to students for Homecoming

On behalf of your Demon football team, I want to thank everyone, especially the students, for their great support last Saturday in our Homecoming game against McNeese. Reporters ask me why we do so well at home in Turpin Stadium and it's an easy answer -- because of the great support like we saw Saturday.

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That turnout and the intensity of our fans cheering for us helped our team play to the level we must to bring back the Southland Conference championship to Northwestern. I've already heard many of you are going to be with us Thursday night in Thibodaux when we play at Nicholls State, and I deeply appreciate that and our players do, too.

But there's no place like home and playing in what we like to call "the Demons' Den," Turpin Stadium. You make it a great place for us to play. We're on regional TV Thursday night (Fox Sports Net, Channel 23 in Natchitoches) and we go to North Dakota State next weekend. We're already looking forward to our final two regular-season home games, Nov. 6 against a very good Texas State team and Nov. 13 against a nationally-ranked and explosive Sam Houston State team. Those are huge steps for us on our path toward the conference championship and we need your support on those two Saturdays at Turpin Stadium.

Thanks again for your support! Go Demons!

Scott Stoker NSU Demon football coach

### Student comments on Q's "Lincoln-Douglas It Ain't" column

J. Aaron Brown, you read transcripted excerpts from the debates, as told by C-Span. As such, you couldn't possibly make any kind of founded opinion on the debates, since all you got was the version trimmed down by one of the most liberal news networks around. However, I see that didn't stop you. You asked about any, "nuances of Bush's stupidity." Ok, we get it. Bush is not the most eloquent of all presidents, and he's not the most skilled at working the press. Do his sub-par oratory skills automatically translate into stupidity?

I don't think so. Frankly, I wonder about anyone who would rather put a good speaker with abhorrent ideals and no real stand on anything in the White House rather than a true leader with firm beliefs you can count on, just because he's not the greatest speaker around. After all, Hitler was a great public speaker. Do we really want to trust that as a measure of a man's worth?

J. Aaron, I didn't see any "ear wiggling", but I did see a man who took his time and thought about his

answer before spouting off some prefabricated nonanswer, like Kerry repeatedly did. I too think that Kerry used the word "better" too many times, especially when you put it into context. Kerry harped constantly on the fact that he has a "better" plan. Mind you, he never deemed it appropriate to clue us in as to what that better plan might be, but instead directed us to his website. Apparently, if you're not willing to play hide and seek with Kerry's better plan, you're not worth telling it to. That quite a way to alienate potential voters.

You say terrorism is a hobbyhorse. I (and the majority of Americans) say it's a major issue worth prioritizing. Terrorism is not a hobbyhorse. It's a very real threat. Come talk to me about the terrorism hobbyhorse when it hits home for you. How callous and hardhearted of you to ridicule the grief and shock of the millions of people who have been directly affected by your little hobbyhorse of terrorism. What a cold, cold thing to say.

Fast forward to your reaction to Rush Limbaugh's comments about Kerry. To that I have to wonder: who really wants a president whose main objective before addressing the nation is how his nails look? Why exactly were you flabbergasted at the use of the word primp? Last I checked, getting a manicure qualified as primping. Yes, Rush is a jerk. That's his schtick. It's what he does. So I'm actually with you on the doomed rowboat ride with Michael Moore. I don't necessarily want to see Rush gone, but he's a sacrifice I'd be willing to make to get rid of Moore and his radical extremist left-wing propaganda. It's a fair trade. I think

In defense of Beau Boudreaux, saying you disagree with allowing gay marriage does not automatically qualify one as a bigot. The dictionary defines a bigot as anyone who is intolerant of any opinions differeng from his own. That sounds alot more like your writings on a very consistent basis than does Beau's statement. He simply disagreed wiht the idea that we, on a governmental level, should allow gay marriages. I read Beau's letter. In it, he said,"Heterosexuals and homosexuals both need to look past the sexual orientation of those we encounter and relate to them as a complete [human] being." Those do not sound like the words of a bigot to me. In fact, if you really read Beau's letter, you'll see that he voted like he did, not based on his opinions of gays (which I never read as holistically negative) but rather on how his morals steered him in reference to an institution in which he has a vested interest (marriage).

Agree with him or don't (I do), but don't call him a bigot without adequate evidence to support your impetuous knee-jerk accusation. you say allowing gay marriage doesn't hurt anyone. No, it doesn't hurt any one person. It hurts an entire institution invented by the church, and as such, shoud be protected from any governmental intrusion, no matter how haughty and self-righteous the driving force behind it.

As a footnote, why does Brown have this running column, which is radical, extremist, and far more left-

wing than most people are comfortable with, when 56% of the student body (or at least the ones who care enough to speak up) are planning on voting for the Republican candidate? I saw Brown at NSU's Grad-Fest last week, and took that to mean he's graduating this semester. Congratulations, and take your propaganda with you. Perhaps someone will step into your "Filler" column and represent that 56% of the student body, instead of dedicating a quarter page every week to your radical, hate-mongering fodder.

Jenny Rhea 2nd year Graduate Student Clinical Psychology

### Student responds to T. Hargis' column

I would like to respond to T. Harris' article concerning President Bush and the "true story" this writer has offered as legitimate belief. First off, I hope it is discerning to someone else that Bush and logical argument are in the same article which criticizes Kerry's faith. I am not sure if the candidates were supposed to be juxtaposed but if I understand correctly, then the President did not do anything wrong. I am glad our friend has cleared that up and now we can all go vote for Bush and live in our utopian society. The society which instituted the Patriot Act and is attempting to pass the Victory Act which trades personal freedoms and privacy for socio-political slavery increases unilateralism and nationalization.

Why does a country increase its deficit and tax the working class while giving the largest cuts to the wealthiest 1%? Because they can, because they will, because if they didn't they might have to do something helpful. Does it really matter if we the people use our undeniable right of suffrage to choose the candidate which best suits our country? No, not at all, in the 2000 election Bush did not win the popular vote; so if Bush does win this election year it will be the first time he is voted into office.

What a glorious moment, his first official win, we should all be so lucky as to celebrate November third as National Single Shot .44 to the Head Day. Maybe Hargis is a soccer fan and that is why he is upset with Iraq; they reached the semi-finals of the Olympics without having played in one since 1988 while the American team failed to qualify. I like sports, I dislike politics, they do not have recounts in sports, someone wins and someone loses and maybe there is a fight at the end.

I apologize for the utter randomness in this response but I cannot understand that which restricts my freedom. The President has lost over 1000 American lives in this conflict that does not affect the young men and woman of this country. Maybe we should send Halliburton in to do the work since they are making billions off Iraq. I bet they would make it all better, and who knows, maybe a former CEO could gain power of a country and illegally give huge con-

tracts to that same company.

I don't know, I'm just ignorant, I'm just an American, and I am waiting for the sounds of November third celebrations. God Bless this country.

Skylar de Brun NSU Sophomore

### Student comments on Boudreaux and Q's gay marriage amendment stances

I would like to comment on the political disarray present on the NSU campus (or at least that which I can gather from the online fashion of this publication). As an alumnus of this university, I enjoy reading the opinions of the students as presented in The Current Sauce. Recent; I have enjoyed the barbs between Mr. Beau Boudreaux and your own Filler 'Q'. As I know both of these men, I will give them severe props for having their own viewpoints and sticking by their convictions... this is truly noble. However, each of them is stuck in a mire of zealotness that prevents them from taking an open mind to the other's argument.

The primary topic of late has been the gay marriage amendment. I will go on record as saying that Mr. Brown (he's living in America) has a closer opinion to mine. I was appalled that the citizens of Louisiana felt the need to butt into the business of their fellow man. As a straight man, I see no reason that I should be opposed to gay marriage; it doesn't affect me, and I'm really not concerned (unless I were to get Ruffied, drug off to Hawaii, and forced to get hitched and commit many acts against my will, but really, how often does that happen?).

As a conservative, if you had you way, the idea of 'marriage' would not involve government benefits, but would rather just be a word. There would be no downside to it; it would not come out of the taxpayer's pocket. All it would take is a little TOLERANCE. For the liberal, perhaps your ideas wouldn't be opposed so much if you STOP HANDING OUT BENEFEITS!

I would like to ask this of each member of this campus... how does two men or women getting married really affect YOU? Will it make you unable to perform your job? to pursue life, liberty, and happiness? to have your own happy marriage to the man/woamn of your choice?

If not, please recognize that the gay community is a real part of society, and grant them the respect and brotherhood that you would any other member of the human race.

Sincerely Chris Owens Alumnus LSC '03



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### Is there such thing as "too much of a good thing?"

Dear Tallulah,

I am a freshman in college. My girlfriend of two years and I live in the same apartment now that we went off to college. Ever since we have the opportunity to have as much sex as we want, she seems to be taking full advantage of it. I don't know if I can keep up with her. I'm worried that this will hurt our relationship, and I'm kind of embarrassed by it. What should I do? This isn't something that I can just talk to her about.

~Droopy

Dear Droopy,

Congratulations! You are living with a hot little sex kitten and you are lucky enough to live in the era of Viagra. And, hey, you are never too young to start. Most guys are probably shaking their heads at your so-called problems, but chin up, you are not alone and I am here to help.

It is common for people to measure their partner against some ideal of what a woman or man should be; for example, most women maintain that men are always ready to have sex. This leads to frustration and conflict, though, when that ideal is not fulfilled. Also, there is no such thing as a sexual relationship in which the couple wants the same thing at the same time. There is no reason to be ashamed about the fact that your sex drive is not in sync with that of your girlfriend.

I noticed that you said you do not want to talk to your girlfriend about this issue, but you have been dating for a while and should be able to have a rational discussion with her. In other words, after two years of dating I am sure the two of you have learned the fine art of compromise. If you keep this problem to yourself and let it fester it could explode at an inopportune moment. Then, your girlfriend will wonder why you did not trust her enough to discuss your feelings with her. So, to prevent the future outbreak of war, you may want to sit down and deal with what you and your girlfriend will do when one is amorous and the other is not. However, communicating your feelings to your girlfriend may backfire, and could leave her feeling disappointed, angry, and unattractive. In the end, you both may wind up feeling inadequate. Whichever path you choose, you have been warned, proceed with

But do not worry, Droopy, I have not forgotten that you said you simply can not talk to your girlfriend about this. That was just a little side advice, in case you change your mind. So, if you would rather suffer through unwanted sex a dozen times a week, I have a suggestion for you. Whenever your girlfriend gets that loving feeling, and you do not, do something for her. In other words, I am sure you are aware that there are other ways to pleasure your girlfriend. This way you can save your energy for more important things...like studying.

~ Tallulah

P.S. ~ Though I recommended Viagra jokingly, if you honestly feel that you are in need of that kind of help, you may want to look into herbal supplements. However, I do not personally recommend this for someone so young because it can lead to sexual problems later in life, and I doubt you really have that much of a problem. Please consult a doctor before you go to this extreme.

\*Disclaimer: While this is an advice column, I am not a professional psychologist or psychiatrist, and I base my advice solely on my own personal experience and research that I have done. \*Have any questions about life, love, or sex? Tell Tallulah and send her an e-mail at currentsauce@nsula.edu.

# Fun for the fans

NSU students, friends and family enjoy pre-game activities



Many fans take advantage of the new tailgating area behind the fieldhouse. This past weekend Demon fans enjoyed cooking out and mingling with other fans.

By Samantha Foley Sauce Reporter

Live music, sunshine, good food and friends is the perfect recipe for a great time tailgating at an NSU

football game. NSU students and alumni gathered to support the Demons before the NSU homecoming game Saturday. From bands to barbeque, it was all there. Organizations had tents set up from 10 a.m. all the way through the game.

NSU Assistant Athletic Director Jennifer Downs encourages students to come out before every game and cheer the Demons to vic-

Downs said students are allowed to bring food, cooking equipment, music, tents, chairs and anything necessary to have a good time tail-

Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio said the alumni association actively promotes tailgating before all home football games. The association has an alumni tailgating spot on the field, and serves food at all home games.

"All alumni and friends are welcome to join us for burgers, hot dogs and sausage before the game," Maggio said. "I think if the students came out that they would

be pleasantly pleased with a great and my fraternity brothers to get

NSU students find tailgating a fun time to mingle with other students and cheer for the Demons. Billy Barker, a junior English

major, said, "I love to tailgate for home games; that is where the

Timmy Hawkins, senior general studies major, said tailgating is an event for not only spending time with your friends but your family,

Also, organizations can show their support at Demon football games by tailgating.

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together before the game and get us pumped up to cheer for the Demons," Cory LeCount senior general studies major said.

Mandy Ward, junior journalism major, says tailgating is a great way to show school spirit.

'Northwestern needs more school spirit and tailgating is a fun way to get students more involved in campus activities," Ward said.

Students are invited to take advantage of the activities at the next Demon home game. Downs said, "You can tailgate

infamous O.J. Simpson double-

homicide case was all national pub-

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### **Punk Rock** Yoga

### **Fitness with** flair

So you walk into your yoga class after a long, hard day at school or work, place your mat on the floor, wait for the instructor to greet you and turn on the melodic sounds of the rainforest or the Asian countryside. Instead, your instructor pulls out a collection of CD's including MxPx, Blink 182, and Ashlee Simpson. You turn to look at your classmates, and you realize you stepped into the wrong class. This class isn't your typical yoga class—it's a Punk Rock Yoga class—and you're in for a trip!

### A New Era:

There is a new genre in the world of physical fitness. After all the craziness of meditation yoga, power yoga, baby yoga, kickboxing yoga, a new yoga has developed to evoke the minds of young people willing to have some fun with physical exercise.

These classes are usually held at T a nightclub for all ages and target Inte teenagers and adults who normal-but ly would not be caught dead at a A health of fitness club.

### The Sounds:

Punk Rock Yoga takes in all the of A elements of yoga, only it is more serie fast-paced. The music involved mus obviously changes from the slow, pop relaxing tunes you would usually nev hear in a yoga or Pilates class to Mar the more intense beat of drums T and electric guitars.

Many people enjoy the Punk The class because it feels free and non- Y2K hierarchical. This type of exercise from was evolved from Punk Rock Aer- wor obics, which allows Aerobics stu- mer dents to work out to the melodies the of the Sex Pistols, Blondie and the A

In many classes, the instructor Mat plays live music instead of CD's. mor Instead of the raging beats of hard-inva core punk music, the instructor bit will usually play music ranging from Arabic drumming to a flute or saxophone. Sometimes a solo guitarist is brought into the room. The music can even be quiet and peaceful, in order to help the yoga poses flow. However, the music is still what you would call "unrefined" and "macrobiotic" (raw), like punk music.

### Try it out:

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, consider taking an instruction class, and start one here at NSU! I know! would be the first one in line for O something like that. I think the exercise classes that are offered here are fun and great for getting some physical work done, but a program like Punk Rock Yoga might get young people like me and you to take better care of our selves and still have one heck of a

Physical exercise is really important, and I am the first one to say that I need to get out and take advantage of some of the dance of aerobic classes that are offered here at NSU.

If you have questions or comments about fashion, trends of products, email them to Raquel at SaucyFashion@aol.com. Who knows? Your question could be featured in next week's edition of the Current Sauce.

# Flashing back to the past

Raquel Hill Life Editor

Here's a blast from the past: answer these questions to figure your flashback trivia IQ.

### Once upon a decade:

Question 1: What was the most popular brand of jeans during the

Question 2: Which black Miss America was forced to give up her crown for posing nude in "Penthouse" magazine?

Question 3: Whose hair was set ablaze during a 1984 Pepsi com-

If you were able to answer all three of these, you are probably still walking around with a mullet-cut and leg warmers. If you got two out of three correct, you probably caught few episodes of "Miami Vice" or "Family Ties" during their original seasons. If you could only answer one question, you were probably still in diapers during the 80s.

The year 1984 defined the entire 80s decade. It was the year that gave us the break-up of AT&T into 22 "Baby Bells," the classic Wendy's "Where's the Beef?" commercial and classic stonewashed "Guess?" Jeans. It was also the year Vanessa Williams became the first black Miss America and subsequently the first to resign the crown. Another unfortunate incident was when Michael Jackson's hair caught fire during a Pepsi commercial shoot.

USA's Mary Lou Retton won two gold, two silver and two bronze medals becoming the first non-eastern-European female gymnast to win the all-around event at the summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Probably the most lasting 80s image, however, is Apple's famous 30-second "1984" commercial which aired only once during the third quarter of the Super Bowl on Jan. 22. The "water cooler talk" for weeks afterward made it the top

By Michael Arcement commercial of the decade and On the small screen, such sitcoms on the Los Angles Freeway had Sauce Reporter spawned "event driven advertis- as "Seinfeld" ruled the ratings and audiences glued to their seats. The

> Even with these events occurring outside of the Natchitoches area, a few important things were happening at NSU during the same time. Former University president Joseph Orze brought the newly conceived Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts to our campus. The honors high school for juniors and seniors was housed in Prudhomme and Bossier Halls while the old Natchitoches Central High building was being renovated for the job. The founding class included 207 jun-

students would first senior class the following year. At time, beer was served on campus and even advertised in the Current Sauce, and if you were looking for something to do, many students made a trip to the newly built, non-super 'Wal-Mart."

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The year that roared: '94. Move on to a different decade

and test your flashback knowledge. Question

Which NBC sitcom took audiences to a new level "friendship?" Question 2: Which professional figure skater was placed in the hospital after receiving a severe beating?

Question 3: Life was a box of chocolates for this Academy award winning film?

Think you got some answers right this time? Think back to the 90s, particularly 1994, which was declared "International year of the

fellow figure skater, Nancy Kerrigan. At the box office, John Travolta returned in Quinton Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction," and Tom Hanks was "Forest Gump."

Comedian Jim Carrey ruled the box office with 3 movies: "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," "The Mask," and "Dumb & Dumber." In other parts of the country, rock fans came together for the 25th anniversary of Woodstock, which was full of music and mud. Those same fans also mourned the loss of their beloved Kurt Cobain, lead singer and gui-

was given a barricaded parking lot next to the Student Union. The

"Nirvana." Two of the biggest car chases of all time also occurred in 1994. One example was the high-speed bus with a bomb in the movie "Speed." The low-speed white Ford Bronco er center switched places. Morrison and the Student Union were remodeled. Things are fine in

cashiers' office and the comput-

Now comes the easy part. Think back five years ago to 1999. Ask yourself these questions to find out if your memory is weak or not. Question 1: A few millionaires were made with the creation of this show. What show was it?

Question 2: American's were afraid of what "bug?" Question 3: What movie contained characters called "Mr.

See Flashback, Page 7

## HABITAT FROM PAGE 2



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

Habitat for Humanity home recipient Wilson Anderson works toward the completion of his family's future home with Tim gond, a member of the local Lion's Club. The home is expected to be finished in December.

Humanity to raffle. They installed Heavy Equipment, contractor the insulation in the second Natchitoches home.

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Volunteers are allowed to work on anything they are capable of doing, and some instruction will

turn to be offered on certain tasks. Pitt said many local businesses donate supplies and labor or offer discounts including Manning Self Storage, Natchitoches Septic Service, Stine's, Bill Rutledge Plumbing, Pat Johnson Dirt Work and

Skip Rollins, Mike's Electric, Williams' Electric, Laamb Air Pitt said construction on the Conditioning, J&J Exterminating fourth house is scheduled begin in and retired attorney Tom Murchi-

> landowners Natchitoches Sonny Evans, Richard and Barbara Johnson and Bert Froeba donated property on which to build the homes.

However, homes may also be built on land owned by house

Recipients of Habitat for Humanity homes must meet three nationally established criteria including the level of need, ability to purchase the home and a willingness to partner with the organ-

Recipients purchase homes at the actual cost of building the or visit habitat.org.

home with no interest. In Natchitoches, recipients must put in 300 hours of work on their home and the homes of other recipients. They also must promote the Habitat for Humanity program.

Pitt sketches the layout of the homes, which must meet a minimum size requirement set by Habitat for Humanity.

Pitt said the homes are nice sizes, ranging from 1100 square feet to 1300 square feet.

The staff members of the Natchitoches Parish Habitat for Humanity are unpaid volunteers.

For more information about Natchitoches Parish Habitat for Humanity, an application or to find out how to make a donation, call Pitt at 352-8556 or State Farm Agent Mike Murphy at 352-7311

### **LASHBACK FROM PAGE 6** kickboxas devel-

Anderson" and "Agent Smith?" normal- but ruled by the youth.

lead at a At prime time, Regis Philbin asked contestants for their "final is more series "The Sopranos." On the involved music-television scene, teen girl the slow, pop stars Christina Aguilera, Brit-I usually ney Spears, Jessica Simpson and class to Mandy Moore ruled MTV.

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answer" on ABC's "Who Wants To air strikes in the Federal Republic to give students a fall break. Tele-Be A Millionaire?" game show. of Yugoslavia. For the first time, distance learning started at NSU-S. Tony Soprano made the Mafia part the Dow Jones Industrial Average The first public computer labs in all the of Americana again with HBO's hit closed above the 10,000 mark at opened. Phone-Internet registra-10,006.78.

Two teenagers in Littleton, Colo., named Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold opened fire on their teachers and fellow students. The teenagers killed 12 students, one teacher and then turned their guns on themselves.

Nancy Mace became the first female cadet to graduate from The Citadel military college. In College Station, Texas, 12 were killed and 28 injured at Texas A&M University when a huge bonfire under con-

struction collapsed. What was happening at NSU during all this? For one, President Randal J. Webb oversaw many improvements to our campus, starting with the vote to rebuild the

Vic's became a non-smoking eatery. Two days were moved from In hard news, NATO launched Thanksgiving holidays to October tion was made available for the first time.

> TOPS, a state program to help high-school students pay for college, was instituted to give Louisiana graduates a help with their college tuition.

Today:

Most lives are centered around computers, cell phones have become attached to everyone's ears and bottled water has almost become a necessity. With this in mind, how will the generations 20 years from now look back at us? Flashing back helps us realize mistakes and how we can learn from them. Every generation leaves a legacy. What will be ours?

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### SPEAKER FROM PAGE 1

Board of Directors for Kisatchie Legal Services Corporation.

He won the "Pro Bono" Attorney of the year award for providing free legal services to the underprivileged of the parish.

He is also on the Board of Trustees of the Natchitoches Parish Hospital and is an advocate and counselor for the elderly to contract the Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging.

Celles intends to improve the truancy system; he said that many truancy cases that come before the court are thrown out because many students do not attend the hearing.

He also intends to improve drugawareness and prevention programs such as DARE, specifying that he believes there is a difference between someone who sells crack cocaine to people on the street and a teenager who sells some to his best friend. It would still be drug distribution, but the sentences would be different.

He denied claims about a lack of religion, confirming that he is a Baptist and attended a Catholic high school.

He also denied claims that he was behind the negativity about the family life of his opponent, Dee Ann Hawthorne.

"A fair courtroom is the bottom line," said Celles. "I will try my very best to do what is right."

Mayor Wayne McCullen will be the next speaker Monday.

### Webb hosts a show

NSU 22 to run monthly talk show with president

One week each month University President Randall Webb will

appear on an NSU 22 talk show. "NSU... Where Great Things Happen" with Webb is aired on cable channel 22 on Monday at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. The show is taped on Wednesday at 10

Executive producer and journalism professor Mary Brocato said the show's guests include faculty, administration and staff members. Brocato said her role as executive producer includes booking the guests, determining the schedule and working with the host and Webb to determine the topics.

Guests on the show this semester include Darlene Williams, director of electronic learning and continuing education, Mary Edith Stacy, director of enrollment services, Anthony Scheffler, vice president of academic affairs and Reatha Cox, director of student success and new student programs.

Brocato said, "The programs are intended to provide any new and important information about the University and to let people know

By Tasha N. Braggs about the many positive things sauce Reporter that happen at NSU."

Senior journalism major Shelley Sparks hosts, produces and reports for the show. She researches the show's topics by gathering available information and schedules face-to-face meetings with the

"I want the guest to meet me and feel comfortable talking to me," Sparks said. "I want them to feel secure, and this show is supposed to be a conversational-style program with no hard-ball questions."

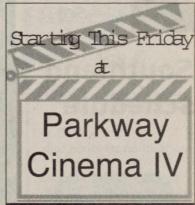
Sparks said working with Webb has been exciting for her this

"He is witty and has a charm about him that comforts me," Sparks said. "He really does care what the students think and genuinely cares about every single student on this campus."

Webb said he enjoys doing the show, because it gives him the chance to inform the community about important aspects of NSU.

Webb said: "I hope the show continues indefinitely into the future, because it holds real promise as a source of information about the University and provides TV broadcast students a challenging and rewarding internship opportu-





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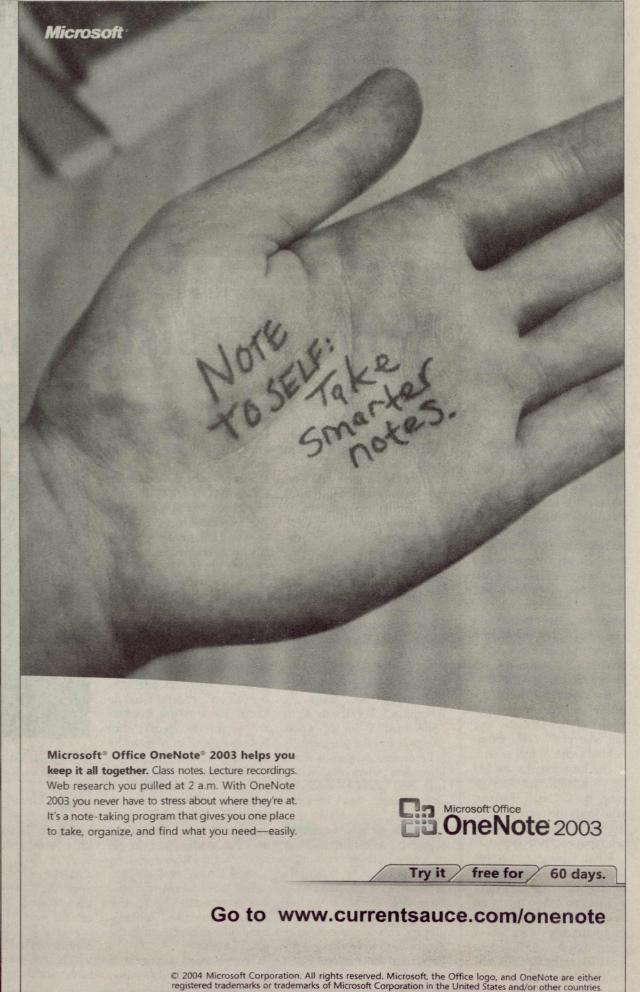
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**Patrick** West The Way I See It

### Southland schedule

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The No. 9 ranked Demons opened up conference play successfully against the Cowboys easily.

With one win in conference play, NSU has a long road to go before the Demons can claim the Conference Southland Championship.
Look at the Demons'

remaining schedule. After a television conference showdown with the other "NSU," the Nicholls Colonels, the Demons take a break from SLC action and travel to Fargo, North Dakota, to take on the North Dakota State Bison.

The Demons do not fare well in the cold especially that far up north. Does anyone remember the games against Montana?

The Demons lost to Montana in the 2001 playoffs 28-19 and lost again in the 2002 playoffs 45-14.

There is one factor in NSU's favor: the game will be played in the Fargodome,

The Demons are used to playing on AstroTurf, and the weather should not be a factor, so NSU should pull out the win against the Bison.

After the Bison hunting trip, the Demons return to conference action against Texas State.

NSU clobbered the Bobcats last season 49-19 in San Marcos, Texas. The Bobcats are hurting right now since tail back Terrell Harris suffered a fractured left fibula last week and was their leading rusher.

The Demons should cruise past Texas State and set up a huge showdown with the Sam Houston State Bearkats the next week at Turpin Stadium.

If the Demons and Bearkats continue to win, the two teams should be ranked in the top 10 in Division I-AA, and this could pit the No. 1 ranked Purple Swarm defense against the No. 1 ranked offense in Division I-

For the Demons to beat the Bearkats, the Purple Swarm will have to stop SHSU quarterback Dustin Long. Long has completed 113 of 172 passes for 1,817 yards with 19 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

The Purple Swarm will have to be relentless in their attack on Long and the Bearkat offense.

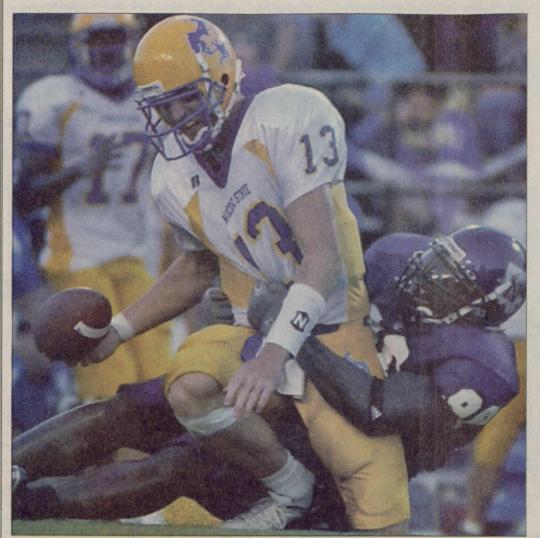
The Demons should be unbeaten in conference play for their final game of the season against rival Stephen F. Austin. If SFA should remain unbeaten to this point, the two teams will not only play for Chief Caddo but also for the conference championship in Nacogdoches, Texas.

The Lumberjacks are currently ranked one spot ahead of the Demons and had several come-frombehind victories this season.

The Lumberjacks are led by Texas A&M transfer running back Derek Farmer, who leads the team in rushing with 481 yards rushing with four touchdowns.

What a huge game that would be, but I must not get too far in the season.

That is a long way to go and college football is unpredictable. You never know what will happen. Just look at the Red Sox and the Houston Astros.





Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce (Top) Wide receivers Toby Zeigler and Ben Bailey celebrate a big play in Saturday's win. (Left) Defensive tackle Chris Brown drags Cowboy quarterback Scott Pendarvis to the ground. The Demon

# Homecoming victory!

By Patrick West Sports Editor

It took nine seconds of the NSU Demons first offensive drive to jump ahead of the McNeese State Cowboys for good Saturday at Turpin Sta-

Demon running back Shelton Sampson took the handoff from Davon Vinson, cut to the left and did not stop until 31-yards later in the end zone.

In nine seconds, the Demons were up 7-0 against their in-state rivals.

Three hours and 31 seconds later, the game was over, officially. The Demons won their conference opener against the Cowboys 47-17 Demons stopped MSU's 16 in front of 14,591 people on Homecoming day at NSU.

With the win, the Demons snapped a three-game losing skid against the Cowboys. The last time the Demons beat MSU was in the 2000 The Demons are ranked season 37-34.

quarterback Connor Morel said. "We wanted to break that streak."

Also, with the win, the

For the fourth time in five

years, the NSU softball team

Mike Perniciaro will lead

the team this season after

completing successful stints

as an assistant coach at Cen-

tenary, University of Geor-

"This is my first head

Perniciaro said he heard

"Coach Schmidt left to go

coaching job, and I'm excit-

ed about it," Perniciaro said.

about the position from last

year's head coach, Eileen

to Kentucky, and I've known

her since her days in

Arkansas," Perniciaro said.

"She said a lot of good

Perniciaro said he is most

things about the program."

interested in working on hit-

ting, and plans to focus on

developing the team's

student assistant coach

majoring in health and exer-

She played catcher under

during her four years of eli-

gibility, and said she is look-

ing forward to working with

Perniciaro this season.

cise science.

has a new head coach.

gia and Auburn.

Schmidt.

Sauce Reporter



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce Wide receiver Ben Bailey catches a pass in NSU's win.

game conference winning streak, while NSU won their fifth straight.

Demons jump into the top ten in Division I-AA polls. ninth in Division I-AA.

"This was a great win The game was never close, against our rival," freshman and the Purple Swarm defense lived up to its No. 1 ranking, shutting down the Cowboy offense.

The Purple Swarm only

very strong hitting-wise,

and that's what we need. I

think that our bats will be a

whole lot more powerful

Lindsay Leftwich is the only

player to have played under

the previous three coaches

as well as Perniciaro, whom

his players refer to as

change of perspectives from

one end of the spectrum to

the other," Leftwich said of

the different coaches. "I

think Pooch is a good mix of

exactly what we need. He's

forceful when he needs to

be, but on a general basis he

keeps us working because

we want to work, not

because we're motivated by

fear or anything like that."

as they'll have me."

team's ability.

"He has a lot of very good pretty hard: conditioning,

ro said he is confident in the

"We've been going at it

"We've definitely had a

Senior third baseman

than they have been."

By Kyle Shirley ideas," Nichols said. "He's

"Pooch.

allowed three points in the Paul Mefford, Jamall Johnfirst half and held the Cowboy's to negative five yards rushing and 146 yards of total offense. This marked the Purple Swarm's third time in six games to hold an opponent to negative yards

"We have good starters up front and a good defensive line that is hard to block," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said.

Cowboy senior quarterback Scott Pendarvis was hassled the entire game, and the Purple Swarm was constantly wreaking havoc in the MSU backfield.

The Purple Swarm defense caused three fumbles and six sacks as Pendarvis finished the game with only 107 yards passing.

"It was key for us to get The win helped the him rattled up and out of his rhythm," defensive lineman Quintene Newhouse said. "After we hit him a few times he didn't do well." "We like to hit the quar-

terback and we like to play physical," Stoker said. "It affects the quarterback when he gets hit hard."

Auburn assistant named head coach

Demon defensive players down.

son, Ed Queen, Jason O'Brien, Gary Wesley and Newhouse each had a sack.

Johnson picked up the Conference Southland defensive player of the week award after compiling 10 tackles, a quarterback sack and a forced fumble against the Cowboys.

The Demon offense fared better than their opponents as NSU had 439 yards of total offense and scored points in each quarter.

The Demons have struggled after halftime in past games but were able to score against the Cowboys' defense in the third and fourth quarters.

"We don't stay focused the entire game," Stoker said. "We have trouble after half-

The Demons were led by freshman running back A.J. Franklin who had 76 yards on eight carries.

Demon quarterbacks Morel and Davon Vinson each fared well against the Cowboys as Morel threw for 91 yards and completed 9 of 17 passes with one touch-

Vinson chipped in with one touchdown off a 46 yard run in the third quarter.

Though the Demons earned a conference win, NSU had some mistakes in the football game. NSU had 16 penalties for 140 yards while the Cowboys had 15 penalties for 130 yards. The two teams combined

for 31 penalties, but the record for combined penalties at Turpin Stadium was 39 in one game. The intense rivalry was showcased as the Cowboys had four personal penalties with one roughing the passer while the Demons had two personal personal penalties called on them.

Also, senior kicker Tommy Hebert missed an extra point in the fourth quarter.

Hebert made five of six extra point attempts in the football game.

Next, the Demons will take a trip up north to hunt Bison. The Demons will square off against the North Dakota Bison in Fargo, North Dakota, with kick off time set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

### This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

### VOLLEYBALL **Demons** beat **ULM 3-0**

NSU snapped a four. match losing streak in grand fashion here Tuesday night sweeping the Louisiana. Monroe Lady Indians in three straight sets in Southland Conference volleyball action.

tantly back above the .500 mark in league play at 6-5. The win also tied the school record for most league wins in a season. ULM dropped Sal to 5-16 overall and remains winless in the league, now at 0-11.

Flavia Belo led the Lad Demons with 10 kills while Last week hitting .500 for the match community She also had 15 assists, four service aces, four digs and On Wedn one block. As a team, NSU and BPCC ( hit .263 in winning the sets agreement 30-24, 31-29 and 30-18.

NSU will return to action on Friday when it hosts Vice Pres Texas-Arlington at 7 Prather Coliseum. The Lady organization Demons will turn around on Saturday at 2 for a match Scheffler with Sam Houston State

### Cross Country must get of competes at Lamar

NSU's men's

The Demons finished 11th given the o out of 13 teams with 309 points while the Lady "Most of the Demons took seventh place sions," Sche in the 14 team field with 17 then if they points.

Other Demon finishers ha Gideon Rotich in 52nd wit a time of 29:04.78, Aaro Heflin in 58th at 29:39.15 Phillip Hattaway 34:07. and Andrew Newma 36:10.02.

Abigail Salomon was the first Lady Demon to cros organization the line, finishing in 19th president in place with a time of 24:27.28 Other NSU finishers had "Over the Margeaux Fisher in 28th focus the or with a time of 25:04.19, Bree include new ka Johnson in 33rd a 25:18.38, Ruth Kinyanjui munication 37th at 25:31.66 and Lesle Lambert in 61st at 27:41.7 According members by Marci Ward (29:44.62) an sionals to in Wendy Popik (32:02.02) als ideas and ir finished the race but did no attracts nat factor into the scoring.

The NSU teams will com pete in one more race befor the Nov. 1 league champ onships when it hosts the City Co NSU Tri-Meet at 4 on Frida Saturda

### NSU vs. Nicholls on Web site

The NSU vs. Nichol football game story will 12 and und on the Current Sauce's We ties include site, currentsauce.com, o kids, haunte Friday morning or after tour of the

The game takes place shut down f Thursday night on For more i Sports Southwest, channithe Main St. 23 on Natchitoches cable The game story along wi color photos will be place



New Demon softball head coach Mike Perniciaro hits softballs during a fielding practice at the Demon Diamond last week. Perniciaro takes over after former coach Eileen Schmidt left to coach at Kentucky.

step up. I think that they're

going to be very successful,"

'It seems like every couple of years coaches have moved on," Perniciaro said. weight lifting, practicing," "But the kids seem to be Perniciaro said. "Practice Krystle Nichols is a senior adjusting well right now, has been going great. The and I'm pretty easy to get kids are awesome here. They're hard-working kids, along with. I'll stay as long and the team looks really The team is reorganizing good right now. I think it's three different head coaches this season after losing five going to be a real good, sucsenior starters, but Pernicia-

Nichols also expressed confidence in the team.

Nichols said. "We have a tough schedule, but that's what we need. We need to play tough teams." Perniciaro played baseball cessful season for us." at the University of Missouri

"They're young, but they

at St. Louis. He then worked as a graduate assistant at Western Illinois, where he received his masters in of May. have another five seniors

this year that are going to sports administration. Perniciaro said he moved to Natchitoches in August, and enjoys living here.

> "It's just a great place to be," Perniciaro said.

Perniciaro said the team's first challenge this season will be a tournament at the University Of Louisiana at Lafayette on Feb. 4. The season runs through the middle

The win puts NSU at 10. 11 overall, but most impor First co

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women's cross country "BPCC str teams got an early look a will be payi the track they'll be racing or offer on car at the Southland Conference Scheffler sa Championships next Mon Scheffler day at today's Lamar Invita here on car tional held at the Idylwild community Golf Club.

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During its resolution elebrate H and 8 p.m. The City is

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on the Web site Friday.



## The tale of a ghost

You may have heard the story before, but see how NSU students still believe in the Isabella legend. Life, Page 5





### Soccer success!

NSU tied for fourth in Southland conference. Sports, Page 8

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### Sauce on the Side

### **BPCC** at NSU in final stages

Last week, administrations from Bossier Parish e match community College and NSU finalized the plan to ists, four open a branch of BPCC on campus.

digs and On Wednesday, Oct. 20, President Randall Webb am, NSU and BPCC Chancellor Tom Carleton signed the official the set agreement between the two groups finalizing months of planning that developed an extension of the community college on NSU's campus.

it hosts Vice President of Academic Affairs Anthony Schefat 7 in fier said the agreement is now final between the two The Lady organizations with all state organizational requirements met to open the branch here.

r a match Scheffler said the University has been left with the task of preparing the campus to receive the BPCC faculty, administration and students. He said NSU must work out space provisions for BPCC offices and Intry must get office materials. Scheffler said the University must also work out where the classes for PCC will be conducted, how to provide text books for their students, where to find space in the dormitories for them and how to place them in the NSU server to use the computer labs.

country "BPCC students will have access too because they y look awill be paying the fees for all the services that we racing or offer on campus, including the student tech fees,"

ext Mon Scheffler said BPCC should have a representative ar Invita here on campus next semester, but for now, the Idylwild community college still needs to find a staff to operate the facility. Scheffler said students have been shed 11th given the option of applying for the program directly through BPCC or through the University.

ne Lad Most of the students will go through NSU admisenth plac sions," Scheffler said. "Students will apply at NSU, with 17 then if they cannot enter the University we will suggest them to go to BPCC."

Kyle A. Carter

### of 28:05.8 NSU's Conine named director eter run of state organization

Frances Conine, director of Student Services at NSU, has been selected as president of the Louisiana Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Conine is the fourth Northwestern staff CONINE member to head LACUSPA during the n to cros <sup>organization's</sup> 30 years of existence. NSU Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Dan Seymour served as g in 19th president in 2000-2001.

shers hat "Over the next year, I will make a major effort to r in 28th focus the organization on new Board of Regents and University of Louisiana System mandates which 4.19, Bree Include new admissions standards," said Conine. "We also want to find ways to continue improving comnyanjui munication within the organization."

and Lesle According to Conine, LACUSPA is valuable for its members because it allows student affairs profes-44.62) an sionals to interact regularly with peers to exchange 02.02) als ideas and information. The organization regularly out did no attracts nationally recognized speakers in the field of student affairs to speak at its annual conference.

Courtesy NSU News Bureau

### hosts the City Council officially proclaims on Frida Saturday as Halloween

During its Oct. 26 meeting, the City Council passed resolution authorizing the City of Natchitoches to elebrate Halloween on Saturday between 5 p.m.

The City is encouraging children to attend Witch Way to Main Street, a downtown trick-or-treating event, on Saturday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children ory will by and under are invited to participate. Other activiauce's We ties include face painting, Boogie on the Bricks for re.com, o kids, haunted maze in front of Exchange Bank and a or after our of the haunted Natchitoches Parish Library bookmobile. The northern end of Front Street will be ikes plat shut down for children's safety.

t on For more information about the event, please call st, channi the Main Street Office at 357-3823.

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## Stages of last night's lunar eclipse:





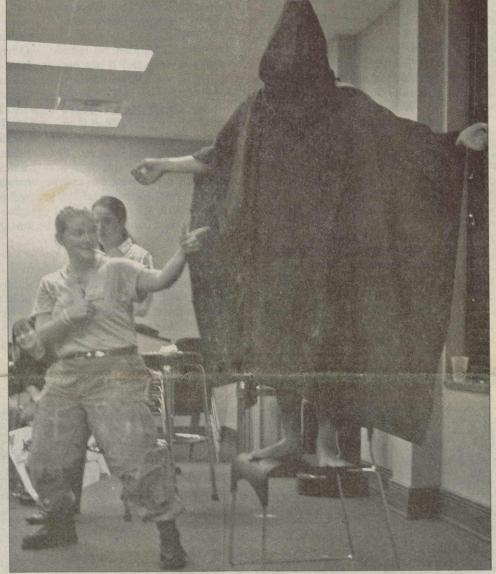






At 8:14 p.m., the moon began sliding into the Earth's shadow, and by 9:32 p.m., the moon was completely covered. The last photo shows the hazy image of the moon through the Earth's shadowy veil. There will not be another lunar eclipse until March 3, 2007.

### Pushing the envelope



Senior psychology major Nicky Roach and junior liberal arts major John Downing won "Most Polit-

ically Incorrect" at the Scholars' College Food Fair Wednesday night for their portrayal of the soldier and Iraqi prisoner from the infamous pictures. The food fair, which is an annual event, took place in Morrison Hall. It was included a "Mystery at Morrison" game in which students dressed

## **NSU** seeks final approval of dorm

News Editor

Members of the NSU administration, the SGA president and involved private parties will travel to Southeastern Louisiana State University in Hammond to meet with the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors and the Louisiana Board of Regents to gain approval to start construction on a new residence

Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said the University will go to Hammond today to give a 5to 10-minute final presentation for the new dormitory.

Seymour said he will be showing a PowerPoint presentation including a computerized landscape, floor plan and aerial view of the new dorm to the Facilities Com-Regents and Supervisors.

Tomorrow the group will meet for the last time with the full boards of both the Regents and Supervisors, he said. Before the final meeting, the Facilities Committees of both boards should have said. informed their boards on what was learned about the project. This will leave the University to sum up the plan in a question and

By Kyle A. Carter answer forum for the full boards tomorrow, he said.

Anthony Scheffler, vice president of academic affairs, said the purpose of this meeting is to recap what the boards already know. He said the University has

been working with the boards through the whole process by letting them know all aspects of the project. "The meeting is not that

long," Scheffler said. "We are just there to clear up any concerns and elaborate on any University President Ran-

dall Webb said the University would try to emphasize a few major points in the presentation to gain final approval. Webb said for example, the

University will continue a relationship with Century Development, the company managing the University mittees of both the Board of Columns, who has been successfully working with the University.

Century Development won the bid to manage the new dorm. This proves that the University is working with a reliable group, Webb He also said with new

admission standards coming. the new dorm will not only provide a living learning ■ See **Meeting**, page 3

## SGA to provide buses for voter transportation

Senate also recommends online service hours extended, loitering prohibited around ramps

> By Victoria Smith Sauce Reporter

The SGA will be providing transportation from campus to the polls for student voters Tuesday.

SGA Sen. Bryan White proposed a bill to allocate \$200 to pay for gas and use of a privately owned school bus to transport students from the Student Union to their prospective voting stations across town. It passed in the Senate.

dents as much as we can," White said. "Urging them to vote is one thing, but giving them transportation is better."

make two runs from the Student Union following a designated route that will drop students off at their precincts, pick them up in the same order, and return them to

Students wishing to use the provided transportation to and from the voting polls will meet in the Student Union and must be registered to vote in Natchitoches Parish.

the Student Union at 11 a.m. for students residing in precincts on the NSU side of the Cane River. The bus is expected to return between 12:45 and 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the bus will

"As the SGA it's our depart for students residing time periods that the student already legislation in effect responsibility to aid the stu- on the opposite side of Cane River and will return to NSU at 3:15 p.m.

White said that many other campuses do the same thing A large school bus will on election days to help get students involved in the vot-

> White said he hopes this becomes a regular thing for NSU. He said he knows that many students have classes during the day or may not own a car to drive to their voting stations, but this should not be an excuse to not vote.

Sophomore Senator Shantel Wempren said: "I think this is a great bill. It's an election The bus will depart from year, if we can get 10 more vent unnecessary congestion people to go to the polls than around the entrance. it's worth it."

> White said any student who wants to participate must have a valid identification card or drivers license.

A proposal to extend the

web, www.2.nsula.edu is available to students was passed by the Senate.

Sen. Matthew Bartley said, "The current hours of the student web are not sufficient to meet students' needs."

The SGA is recommending that beginning next spring the new hours for the student web be 7 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

A bill was passed by Sen. Matthew Burroughs to make the second floor handicap entrance to the Student Union a "No Loitering" zone to pre-

Smokers tend to congregate in front of the Student Union's small north entrance, the only second floor handicap entrance.

Bartley said that there is

stating that smoking within 50 feet of an entrance on campus is prohibited.

Sen. Abby Brocato said, "I really like this bill, but at the same time the ash tray is right there by the door.'

SGA president, Mindy McConnell said: "Loitering is when a large group of people stand in the same location for a long time, but I don't think that's what's going on there. There's probably just a large group of people standing there, and they're inconsider-

Burroughs, who uses a wheelchair, said that he has had to physically move a bike to get up onto the ramp. Wempren said. "It's not to cause trouble but just to alert them that there is a problem."

News editor, Kyle Carter contributed to this report.

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## **NSU Police Blotter**

10-17-04

2:32 a.m. A man called from the Columns to report a fight behind the Health and Human Performance building. An officer was en route. The subjects followed the officer to the station to write statements.

10-18-04 4:40 p.m.

There was a medical emergency at the recruiting office. An ambulance and an officer were en route. The subject was transported to the hospital.

5:54 p.m.

A group of non-NSU students were asked to leave campus because they were in possession of alcohol.

9:06 p.m.

A student from the Columns called because some women were harassing her and making threatening phone calls.

10:59 p.m.

Some fraternities were trying to start a fight at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house. 11:28 p.m.

A fight was reported at the Columns.

10-19-04

in reference to a possible counterfeit \$20 bill. Statements were taken, and an officer took possession of the evidence.

A desk worker from Sabine called because the fire alarm was going off. Members of the fire department were en route. It was going off as a result of the case holder being loose.

10-20-04

12:52 a.m.

A male resident of Sabine called to say he had witnessed two men climbing in a first floor window. 3:19 a.m.

An RA from Rapides called to report possible drug use.

1:43 p.m. A wreck was reported.

10-21-04 12:36 a.m.

An officer was transporting an abandoned bicycle.

3:04 a.m.

Someone called in reference to a shattered window at an apartment in the Columns. The resident had to climb in through the window, because there was no

8:17 a.m.

A call was received from Rapi-An employee from Vic's called des regarding a medical emer-

gency. An officer and an ambulance were en route. The subject was transported to the hospital. 2:05 p.m.

There was call from the language department for a medical

emergency. 8:34 p.m.

The house director of Dodd called because some LSMSA students were on the south side of the building beating on windows and scaring residents.

10-23-04 10:22 a.m.

A woman called because she was concerned about two men she had seen playing with weapons on Second Street that were now entering campus.

7:04 p.m.

An RA from Varnado Hall called to report that the fire alarm was going off. The fire department and an officer were en route. It was going off as a result of burned quesadillas.

10-25-04 6:50 a.m.

The fire alarm at Bossier was going off. Members of the fire department were en route.

Elizabeth Bolt

## Mayor speaks to students Br about football, city growth

By Kyle A. Carter needs. He said he News Editor

Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen started out speaking to students not about politics, crime or employment rates, but about the Demon football team.

Monday afternoon, McCullen came to campus to be the third speaker in a lecture series sponsored by the Political Science Club.

Before the speech, McCullen told students how he traveled to Nicholls State in Thibodaux to see the game against the Colonels last Thursday. He said that he and the mayor of Thibodaux have an ongoing rivalry.

He said the loser of the college games between the two cities must fly the other city's flag over the municipal building. McCullen said he was disappointed when photos were taken of him flying the Thibodaux city flag above town hall.

Soon after this, McCullen went straight into politics. McCullen, who was re-elected in March, said he felt that his duty was to come speak to students about their wanted to learn about students' conbecause Natchitoches home to NSU's students, and he wants to make them feel as

McCullen

at home as possible. "We have a great relationship Northwestern, here with McCullen said. "We call it a partnership because anything that affects Natchitoches affects Northwestern and vice-versa.

McCullen said NSU and Natchitoches work together to be more appealing to students.

He said the city has been experiencing constant growth with 80 new businesses opening in the city last year, including the Frog Pond Apartments and the new Chili's under construction.

He said because of the city's steady growth, students can expect more businesses to open, a new fire station to open near the Frog Pond Apartments and a possible new shopping center on College

"We had to stop and go back an KNV look: what are the aspects ly rece Natchitoches, what should we dishes to propose to make this a strong the stucommunity to make sure we mai this economy of growth when McCullen said.

McCullen ended with the iss of Natchitoches crime. He sa Educat Natchitoches has a drug proble Comm and the city has been working total st years to control it by creating Hea accredi Start Centers and other after-scho part of activities to catch children at a costing

He said education is the place national start in drug prevention. will ser

McCullen also talked about thin the recent sales tax bill that failed du raw da ing the summer election. He said From narrowly lost approval in th KNWI parish vote.

This sales tax was going to used to increase police and fire fighter salaries.

He said he feels that employed of Natchitoches' safety and la enforcement agencies need raise since the city has lost many of ther to cities that pay more.

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Photography Club The photography club has weekly meetings on Monday at 7 p.m. in Room 205 in the CAPA

building. The meetings are open to all

Native American Student and **Faculty Association** 

Meetings are Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Room 316 of the Student Union. For more information call Michael Ashworth at (318) 572-

### The Wesley Foundation

Come and worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. or join a small group. Visit our building on College Ave. across from the Alumni Center or call us at 352-2888. The Foundation is now a hot spot for wireless Internet.

"Celebrate America"

Come join fellow Americans as we celebrate the freedom we have in our great nation and help us honor those who have served our country! "Celebrate America" will be held in Magale Recital Hall located in the CAPA Building on Oct. 29, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

FREE patriotic goodies to the first 150 people and door prizes drawn throughout the program! Event sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Sigma Alpha Iota

Music Fraternities.

**STAT** 

The Student Technology Advisory Team (STAT) has allocated \$200,000 to fund departmental and individual grants, awarded on a competitive basis, which advance the teaching or learning process within the mission of the University.

All grants are due by Oct. 29th. Contact Jennifer Long in the library for an application or call 357-6482 for more information.

**KNWD** 

ATTENTION RSO LEADERS: KNWD wants to put your organization's information on the air. If your organization has a meeting, fund raiser, workshop or special event you want to publicize send the information or a flyer to

Candice Pauley, PSA director Room 109, Kyser Hall 357-KNWD

cpauley001@student.nsula.edu Office hours: MWF 8-10 a.m. TR 9-10 a.m.

Students for a Free Tibet

Students for a Free Tibet is an international organization fighting for the rights of the Tibetans. Students for a Free Tibet meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the front lobby of Morrison Hall. Contact info: Ciel Dafford 354-9539; Dr Greg Granger 357-4577

The SAB will be holding a canned food drive until Nov. 27 in the Student Union Lobby. Cans must be turned in to the SAB Committee Room 232 by 4:30 p.m. Order of Omega

The Mu Phi chapter of Order of Omega and the NSU Greeks will be sponsoring a halloween carnival for the children of Natchitoches in grades pre-k through 5th. It will take place today from 4 to 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

Children will receive five game tickets upon arrival, and additional tickets are available with canned good donations. Activities will include games, prizes, a costume contest, a space walk, trickor-treating and more.

**Society of Professional** 

Journalists
The NSU Chapter of SPJ will hold a Sports and Stuff Session Nov. 3 1 p.m. in Kyser Room 142 A (TV Studio).

A panel will discuss how to

break into sports reporting and keep it interesting. Panelists:

Steve Schneider - Sports Director and Weekday Anchor for WAFB Channel 9 (CBS affiliate).

Dave Schwartz - Sports Anchor and reporter for KTAL TV Channel 6 in Shreveport (NBC affili-

Bob Tompkins - Sports Columnists and Reporter for the Alexandria Town Talk.

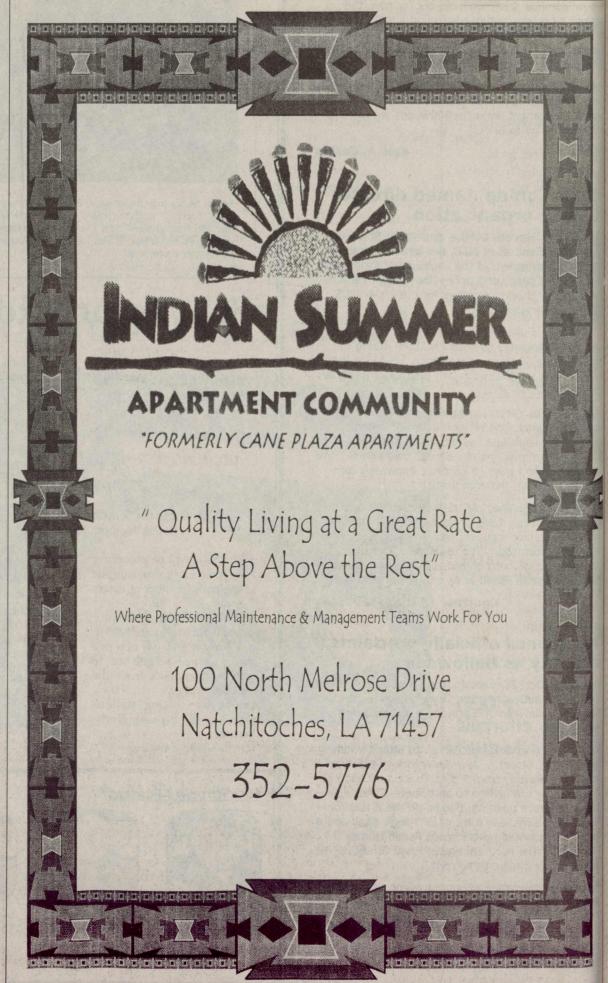
the CURRENT SAUCE welcomes submissions for Connections, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students.

Bring Connections to Kyser 225, or e-mail them to

currentsauce@nsula.edu. Please include a name and telephone number. We reserve the right to refuse any CONNECTION.



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## Broadcast media receives weather dishes

By Savanna Mahaffey Sauce Reporter

KNWD and NSU22 have recentw received two Ku band weather d we dishes as part of a total overhaul of strong the studio's weather system.

Chief Engineer of NSU22 and we man KNWD Roy Davis said that the growth liches were brought in because the dishes were brought in because the accrediting body for the journalism the iss department, the Association for He sa Education in Journalism and Mass probler Communication, asked that the rking for total studio be digital by the next ing Hea accrediting cycle. The dishes are er-schol part of a rebuild of NSU 22 studios en at a costing \$500,000.

The dishes will receive both place national and local weather. They will send information to computers bout the in the studio, which interpret the iled du raw data.

He said From this system, NSU22 and in t KNWD will have maps, radar, area and national forecasts readily avail-

Note to readers:

The Current Sauce will

not be published next

week because many mem-

distributed on Nov. 11,

We will not publish dur-

ing the semester break.

Our first issue of the

spring semester will be

published on Jan. 20.

Elaine Broussard

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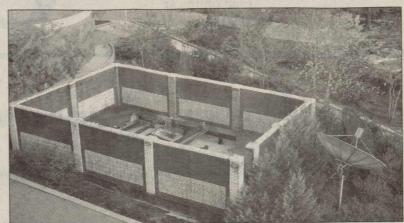
primary dish and the other will be a backup. They will each be aimed at separate satellites.

"In the weather business, you can never be too safe," Davis said. "You need both a primary and a back-up to always have solid infor-

Davis explained that without these dishes, NSU22 and KNWD would have to rely on the weather systems of other stations.

"The most important thing is that we will have the most up-to-date weather information just like a real television station," Davis said. "Then, we can take that information and get it out to the general

Two student weather forecasters, Davis and David Antilley, director of NSU22 will work with the dishes. However, students are only



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce This will be the location of the new weather dish near Kyser Hall to be used by KNWD and NSU22. The dish will allow broadcast journalism students to do more with their stations by linking them to national groups. The two satellites on the

right will also be moved into the building.

The dishes will be installed near the campus post office along with two other dishes that NSU22 studios currently have in place. Davis

tations; they are not taught meteor- said that a fifth dish will give KNWD the capability to digitally receive syndicated program mate-

Davis said the dishes should be installed by early next week.

### taught how to give weather presen-Theater to present interactive 'Picture

bers of our staff will be Fans of the cult classic attending the College Media Advisers conferture Show" will get a ence in Nashville. treat Friday when the NSU theater department Three more issues of the Sauce will be published presents the film with this semester. They will be audience participation

> Senior theater majors Dallas Bird and Bree Kenny are co-producing the show, which will take place in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium at 10:30 pm. The show will be free

"It's going to be fun and intimate," Bird said. Thank you for your readership. 'We're going to try to make it as fun as possible, Sincerely,

> Kenny said the audience will be seated on the stage rather than in seats in order to create a more

intimate environment.

tions," Bird said. "So with Second Season we have old." The film will be project- to pay for royalties, plus

nine years old, and ever a messed-up nine year

Kenny warned that the

out obscenities," Gordon said. "It will be a lot of

### MEETING FROM PAGE 1

environment conduc- attending the meettive to student retention, but it will also help attract more and better students.

the new dorm to become a recruitment tool so that NSU admit and retain the many students, feel a best possible students.

Webb said the University will emphasize that the dorm will be privatized.

He said NSU was the first university to outdated," McConnell offer privatized oncampus residences with the Columns, and since then other universities followed.

President Mindy McConnell said she would be

ings to give a student's perspective. She said her part of the presentation will Webb said he wants focus on how students think that the new

dorm is needed. She said she, like lot of the dorms need to be improved.

"This is phase one of the housing project, and some can say that some of the dorms are said.

Webb said getting this dorm approved and built is phase one of an overall housing plan.

Once complete, Webb said he would

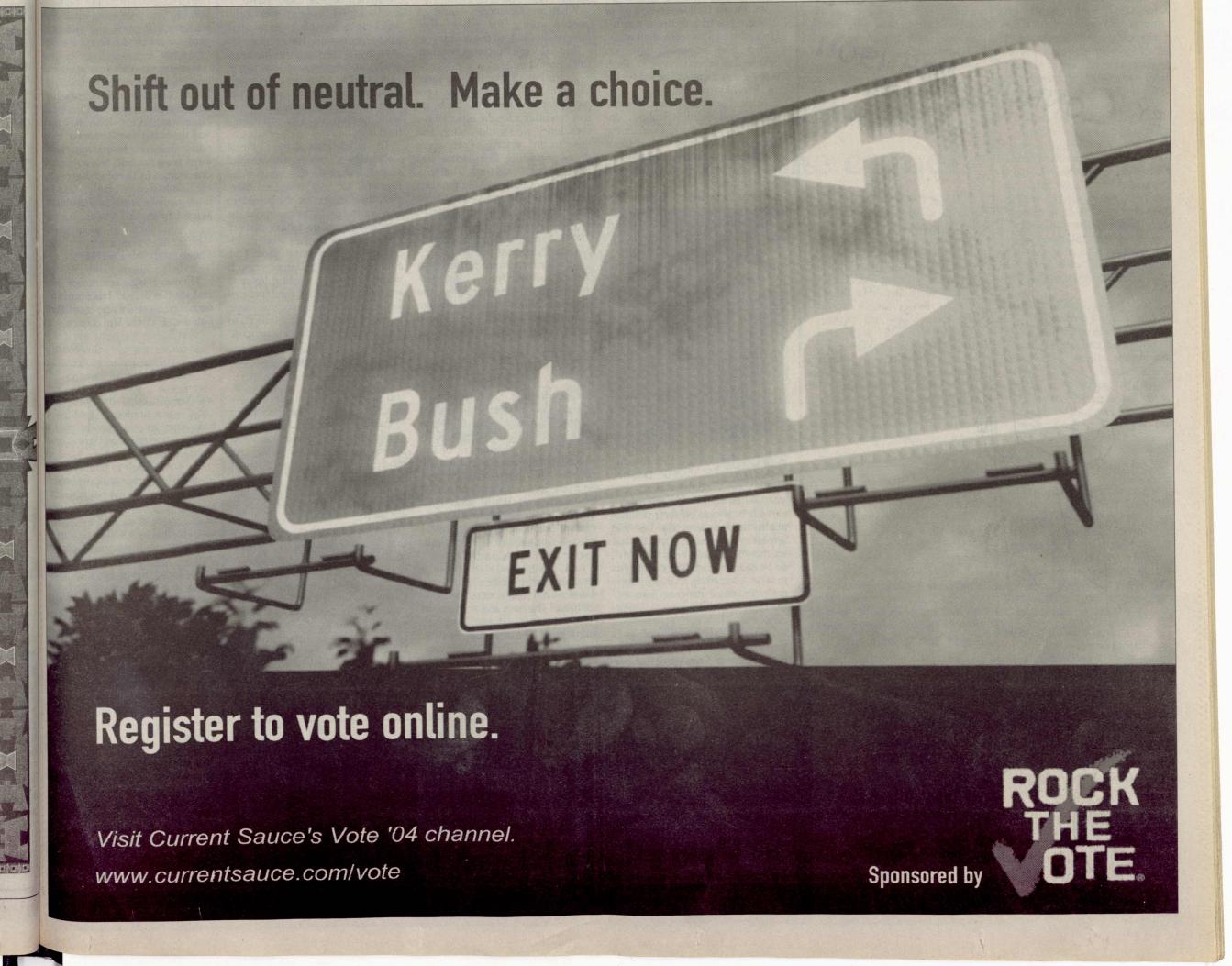
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follow a conservative plan to continue changing housing on campus, includes the possible tearing down and replacing of Rapides

If the dorm is approved, phase two of the housing plan would be a more extensive study of the future possibility of new residence halls or renovations of old dorms.

Webb said he does not want to move too fast so that the University can stay within its financial needs, yet he still wants to meet the needs of the stu-

### Show' as fundraiser for student plays costumes, etc." By Kyle Shirley ed onto a screen, and a "There will be things being large cast of actors will Bird said \$1, Sauce Reporter perform alongside it. \$5 and \$10 thrown everywhere, people goodie bags Kenny said the show is screaming out obscenities. "The Rocky Horror Pic- a fundraiser for Second containing items It will be a lot of fun." Season, NSU's studentrelevant to the Info 888-777-4642 directed program. audience's par-**Bonnie Gordon** "This show is comticipation with Freshman theater major pletely budget free. It's all the show will be playing Janet in Rocky Horror available. donations and all volunteers," Bird said. "Every-Fifty-two stuand live actors. Spring Break dents, many of one had to pull their own whom are cast costume. Everyone's members, are involved in show is not for students doing their own makewho are easily offended. the production. **17 Hot Destinations** "It is highly sexually Bird said the Second Bird said there are at explicit, so people who **Book Early & Receive:** least two actors for each Season program started role, and they will alterare uncomfortable in last year to offer students those situations do not nate throughout the film. a chance to produce and and open to all students. Free Meals Free Drinks need to come," Kenny theater direct shows. Freshman major Bonnie Gordon is The program receives a But Gordon believes small budget from the one of the actresses who that the show's chaotic theater department but is will play Janet. nature is part of its "I saw this movie for responsible for holding as cult as possible. It's the the first time when I was its own fundraisers. ultimate cult-camp film." There will be things Travel Free & Be VIP "We were never supposed to take away from since then I've been a being thrown everywhere, people screaming the main stage producfan," Gordon said. "I was 1.888.Spring.Break



## To be or not to be...American?

By Lora Sheppard Opinions Editor

Picture this: You're in class. Pick any age, but I'll go with junior high or high school. You and your peers are discussing heritage. My parents/grandparents/ancestors are from this country. My ancestors were this or that and so on.

Still have the picture? Hold onto it for a bit longer.

You mention that your ancestors are from Germany. Or were slaves before the Civil War. Or you're Asian, but were born here, and perhaps your parents were as well. While sharing your history with your classmates, someone

"Mostly German? Does that make you a Nazi?" or they get angry one day and say "Go back to Africa/Japan/whichever country you're from."

So, my question is, when is a person considered "American" by society's standards? Is it when you're born; naturalized; or is there some special time limit and upon reaching it, your family is deemed American? Or is it simply a patriotism issue?

I would like to think that when someone immigrates to our country with the intention of enjoying the freedoms America advocates, that they would be accepted. But that isn't always the case. While America is considered the "melting pot" of all races and cultures, we are quite possibly one of the most intolerant as a people. We have plenty of examples in history, such as the Red Scare and the Japanese concentration camps in the US during WWII.

Those things happened due to irrational fear combined with prejudice and the need for a scapegoat as a Band-Aid for deeper problems.

Do you have to bleed? Do you have to die? Or do you have to prove your loyalty to the country with a "heroic" action? Does it all depend or are the lines so blurred that no-one can tell anything anymore?

I consider myself American. I consider my family American. Am I proud? Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Do I wish for change? Of course. After all, adaptation is necessary for survival, and if something doesn't learn to bend, it will break. Other countries are voicing their opinions, quite often about America and especially with the ongoing War on Terrorism.

However, any form of change doesn't happen completely on its own. In order for anything to shift, people have to help. Advocate your beliefs. Voice your opinions. Vote. Every little bit helps, from everyone.

Because we're American and the country guarantees us those

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# FILLER The final word



"Q" Brown

I've spent a lot of semester attacking George Bush and openly pushing my own

agenda: change. I've been frank about that, and I've always encouraged my readership to go find out more for themselves, because I can only tell you what I think of what I've seen. You have to read the Taguba Report or the 9/11 Commission Report for yourself to know what you think of what they say and to know when a journalist or politician is misrepresenting their conclusions to support a partisan point. Unless you know the facts, you cannot see the spin. Here

Bush's economic policies are crippling, and any economics student knows it. America has the highest deficit ever. Ever. And it's climbing. Bush has cut taxes and increased spending. He continues to borrow money from the Social Security fund. There is no plan to stop this trend, and he justifies it by

By J. Aaron the fact that we're at war. You know who will pay that? You. Me. Our kids. Through high taxes, cuts in government assistance (e.g. scholarships) or both. Kerry wants to repeal the tax cuts to the wealthy, which will replace a sizeable chunk of the revenue Bush lost. He also intends to reinstitute the "pay-asyou-go" policy that helped lead to the surplus of the late nineties.

But my main complaint is that Bush's administration has been dishonest with the American people at every step of the way. In the wake of 9-11, he had a country as united as it has ever been, and he has used that trust as a partisan bludgeon. Bush misrepresented the number and quality of stem cell lines that would remain available for researchers.

In his prescription drug bill, Bush pushed a private-sector plan that provided less coverage at higher cost than a Medicare plan would have. It was only after Republicans held the vote open for more than three additional hours to wedge the bill through (a theretofore absolutely unheard of procedural irregularity) that they admitted it would cost more than \$125 billion more than they had initially claimed. The Republicans have attacked their critics as enemy sympathizers, and now they're regularly disseminating press releases smearing specific reporters by

And then of course, there's the dishonesty surrounding every aspect of the war. Bush has lost all credibility with anyone who does not follow him blindly, and I'm sad to say there are enough who do so that this is actually going to be a

dissent. I've read of more than a

And Bush is squelching

hundred people who have been ejected from Bush rallies for something as simple as a pro-choice shirt or a Kerry-for-President button. One woman, Nicole Rank, actually lost her job with the Feder-**Emergency** Management Agency two days after she and her husband were arrested for trying to attend a Bush rally in anti-Bush shirts. This is another sneaky shot in the publicity war, but this one's actually dangerous. Bush only gets

filmed in front of universally sup-

portive audiences, while Theres Heinz-Kerry gets bad press fo telling hecklers who were actually Belie trying to drown her out to "show it." This is just another example of the politically-motivated violations of free speech Bush has committed

I cast my vote for John umn ha Kerry on Saturday, for those of you and lov Wondering, and I still say he'll wir thing else your I interferes with the elections. I'd like to close this week with a quote from the great Robert A. Heinlein opposite "If you are part of a society that frustrati votes, then do so. There may be no along of candidates and no measures you own bu want to vote for but there are cer. someone tain to be ones you want to vote you dow against. In case of doubt, vote against. By this rule you will rarely they have

son for Send your election predictions. suggestions, or half-sane rantings am sure address, fun of se my new saucefiller@gmail.com.

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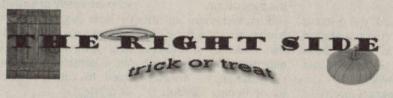
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Did that scare you? Well how about this: President John Kerry. I know I should

have warned you before I put something like that before your

It's almost Halloween and all of us should be trick or treating right? Let's play trick or truth shall we.

Trick: The left would have you believe that when George W. Bush is re-elected there will be a draft for all 18 to 24 year olds.

Truth: New York Rep. Charlie Rangel and South Carolina Sen. Fritz Hollings, both Democrats, have sponsored bills in the House and Senate respectively to re-institute the draft. Rangel's bill is stuck in committee and Hollings' bill did not even have one co-sponsor. Not one Republican has advocated a draft. Who are they trying to scare?

Trick: Republicans are trying to disenfranchise the public's right to

Truth: After trying to persuade Ralph Nader from running as a candidate, Democrats have spent billions, that's right billions using lawyers from all over the country

to protest signatures to keep minority candidate Ralph Nader off the ballot. Liberal Judges throw Nader off the ballot while state supreme courts put him back on. They fought his right to be on the ballot in California. Even Bush doesn't care if his name is on the ballot in California anyway, it voted for Gore in 2000 by 25 per-

What are Democrats afraid of, people voting for whom they believe should lead the country?

Trick: George Bush was not dutifully elected in 2000.

Truth: We all play by the same Electoral College rules here, people. Before the law suits fly by all

five candidates for the office of the presidency we should understand the current system. Forty-eight states, including Louisiana, have winner-take-all systems. The winner of the popular vote in the state gets all the electoral votes. Maine and Nebraska dole out the first two electors by a statewide vote while the rest are proportionally divided based on congressional districts.

Now to complicate things even further, and look for a lawsuit here in November, is the measure on the Colorado ballot that will change their winner take all system to a Political trick or treat

election. They need to tally the votes for that measure before they can cast their electorate votes, so we may all be up waiting for Colorado this year to decide the race. With the escalating crisis going

on in both parties with states redrawing district lines to fit party strongholds, going to congressional districts is a very bad idea. It will further encourage more redistricting by legislatures in power and it will blur the line of checks and balances between the legislative branch and the executive branch if we go to congressional districts A Democrat's vote in a largely Republican district would be worthless, yet his vote in a statewide election could be crucial in a total tally.

The whole idea of the Electoral College is to make battleground states. One of the reasons for the Electoral College was the states elect their choice for the president and each state's vote would be weighed based on its population. The college electorates were divided so the small states should be able to balance the larger ones. If we move to a districting process, we might as well let the House of Representatives pick our president, which is Republican controlled, so proportional system if passed this it might not be that bad of an idea.

On separate note John Kerry was Whether quoted by ESPN saying "... I mean tells you don't believe in curses, but I do just cuts think that we've been under a do not cloud here and there. I was 3 not stand vards away from Billy Buckner in one make that famous Shea Stadium game in college,

The story describes the Red Sox finally b up three games to two and literally This is s one strike away from a world serie ly unlike win has Kerry showing up at She in which stadium mid-game and sitting I every d yards away from first base and Normale

ame seven this year is on Hal mer and loween, go figure, and I actually be differ like the Sox to beat the Cards. Let's in high hope the Boston drought for White an abun House continues, John Kennedy people was the only other Bostonian elect who dar ed, and Kerry keeps his cloud those pe away from the Sox. Not to compli you are, cate things further but Kerry is a Other pe big Boston Red Sox fan, so let's just tell you hope the Babe wasn't a Republican you have nothing at least for the Sox's sake.

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### Reflections on elections



Shatwell As I'm sure we are all painfully

By Justin

aware, this Tuesday is Election Day, the one day every four years when a portion of the American public shakes off their political apathy and chooses the lies that

appeal to them more. Over the last six months we have been bombarded by countless activists begging us to vote. According to them, this is the pinnacle of our civic lives and the most sacred duty we as Americans hold.

Though I agree that voting is important, I resent the idea that this is the alpha and omega of our citizenship. Too many people tune in to politics just before the election, power, lest they forget their duty

turn out to vote, get their sticker, and overstep their bounds. As and go into civic hibernation for another four years. This aggravates me to no end. We are supposed to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people. This means that the government does not begin and end at the borders of Washington D.C. The American populace is as intimate a member of the political process as a senator, a representative, or even a president.

As a Republic, we elect people to represent us in politics. However, this does not free us of our responsibilities. The men and women we elect are not dictators. They are employees who are supposed to represent the wills of their constituency. As such, it is our duty to keep tabs on those we put into

much as it is the duty of the senator to vote on legislation, it is our duty to pay attention to their votes and inform them of our opinion. As much as it is the president's role to set foreign and domestic policy, it is our duty to be educated about that policy and support it or fight it as we see fit.

It is not enough to simply say that you love this country. Patriotic songs, flag lapel pins, and unquestioning loyalty do not make anyone a good American. In order to truly appreciate and participate in this country, one must be politically active not only on Election Day, but also on every day in between.

I hope that everyone who is able will turn out to vote on Tuesday. While you are voting, I hope you

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will keep in mind that your civic better, a duty is not limited to that ballo wonder box. It is an omnipresent part of could ha our existence that we must enabled embrace or risk losing.

It is not enough to blindly pull a intact. lever and put your support behind a candidate you know or care little "Great about. An uniformed vote is worse encount than no vote at all, and a vote that mediocr is not backed by a willingness to ad mind is is a perverse mockery of citizen ing the

Our birthright as Americans has dices as given us a great gift and a heavy express duty; we should not take either and hon-

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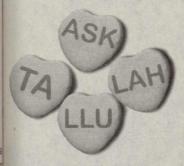
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ommitted Up until this point, this colfor John umn has focused on relationship ose of you and love advice more than anyy he'll wir thing else. But some problems in rtial law or your life, which can have tions. I'd absolutely nothing to do with the th a quote opposite sex (as hard as that is to believe), are just as complex and ciety that frustrating. You can be walking may be no along one day, minding your sures you own business, and then Bam! re are cer. someone insults you or brings you down for absolutely no rea-son. Well, that person may think will rarely they have a perfectly logical reason for being a jerk to you – but as far as I am concerned, and I e rantings am sure you will agree, making address fun of someone for the way they talk or dress does not results from logical reasoning. Though this may not be their exact reasoning, you get the idea. There the Uni-in little ways that you are hurt in little ways that you probably never let on - like when people tell you that you can't, you won't, or you just don't have the guts. And usually - do not deny it, reader - you just keep your mouth shut and walk away,

don't you? Well, today I put it to you to stand up for yourself, reader. Kerry was Whether it is because someone ...I mean tells you that you are stupid or s, but I do just cuts in front of you in a line under a do not just move aside and do I was 3 not stand meekly by while some-Buckner in one makes an idiot of you. This is m game in college, the place where you are supposed to have the freedom to ne Red Sox finally be who you want to be. nd literally This is supposed to be completevorld serie ly unlike high school, that society up at She in which teenagers bow down sitting 30 every day to their pagan god: base and Normalcy. (And Lord help you if you are a dissenter or blaspheis on Hal mer and have the misfortune to I actually be different.) However, just like Cards. Let's in high school there seems to be t for White an abundance of narrow minded

Kennedy people here, who belittle those onian elect who dare to go their own way. To his clouds those people, and you know who to compli you are, get a clue and grow up. Kerry is a Other people should not have to so let's just tell you to play nice, and that if Republican you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all. Not everyone is going to be just like you. You .com/espn should have realized this at the age of two when you discovered the delightful game of doctor enior gen with the girl next door.

opinions I should add that by taking a esent the stand I do not mean going on a rampage and beating on people that have wronged you. A quick quip or witty insult in return can easily take a rude person down a peg or two. And, in the end, it will make you feel a whole lot your civic better, and it will not leave you that ballot wondering days later what you ent part of could have said that would have we must enabled you to walk away with at least a piece of your pride ndly pull a intact.

Albert Einstein once said, r care little "Great spirits have always te is worse encountered opposition from a vote that mediocre minds. The mediocre gness to ad mind is incapable of understandof citizen ing the man who refuses to bow blindly to conventional prejuericans has dices and chooses instead to d a heavy express his opinion courageously take either and honestly." Be that great spir-It that bows down to no one, you will find that you will be much Louisiana happier with yourself and with dent. His how others see you. And forget arily repre about those mediocre minds, he Univer they will never accomplish great things. Dare to be yourself and fight for what you believe in.

- Tallulah

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# Ghost stories

## The legend of Isabella lives on in students' memories

By Derick Jones Sauce Reporter Raquel Hill Life Editor

It's that time of year again when stories of ghosts and goblins are retold. But what about our own ghost story?

With Halloween approaching, it is no surprise hearing the name Isabella in any conversation remotely dealing with strange things happening on campus. If the name is not ringing a bell, which it should (because in every freshman orientation class she is mentioned), she is the spirit that haunts NSU.

As the story goes, Isabella lived on the Bullard Plantation where she was a recluse to the world. She met a traveling man who was an Easterner, instantly fell in love and became engaged not long after. She had secret rendezvous with him, and after he died from a duel, she refused to leave the house. She then became a nun and worked for the Religious Society of the Sacred Heart, a part of the Bullard Man-

After a violent storm, from which everyone else in the mansion had evacuated, she stayed behind and locked herself in her room alone. When the storm subsided, maids came to check her room and had to break the lock on the door. Upon entering, they found a bloody handprint on the wall and an open window. Tradition states that she leaves this bloody handprint on the wall of every building that is her resi-

According to campus legend, Isabella traditionally resides in the oldest building on campus. In 1904, she was moved from Bullard Man-Hall. Students were involved in the education building. It was in 1926 things have occurred.



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce

The Second Street cemetery might not look haunted, but notice the "light-orbs" toward the right of the photograph?"

that a bloody handprint was reported to have been found. When that building was torn down in 1948, Isabella was escorted to Cald-

In 1982, when Caldwell Hall burned down, she was then moved to Nelson Hall. No causes were found for the fire, but it was said that it started in the basement. Believed to have lived on the third floor, Isabella made her presence known. The local firefighters explained that "the window kept opening and shutting on the third floor," and how "that was the only window that remained intact on the building on that floor." She was said to have been saving her

Due to the fires and renovation sion when it was torn down to East to Nelson Hall, now the National Center for Preservation Technology last three moves. Isabella was and Training, she seemed to make moved in 1926 from the site of the her own way to Varnado Hall. In demolished East Hall to the music the process of her moves, strange

Students have spotted pianos playing alone and even shadows in the darkness and random fires, over the years. Varnado Hall residents like Ansonia Means, senior hospitality and tourism major, and Shantell Francis, sophomore social work major, believe that the NSU legend is really a creepy reality.

The two residents said that Isabella has been in their presence. Earlier this semester during the Natchitoches blackout, the two were in Francis' Varnado room. "All the lights in the building

were out, except the emergency ones," Francis said, "and I told Ansonia that it was probably

Means then said she did not believe in Isabella and just then, the emergency lights flickered and

That was not the first time Francis said she encountered the legendary ghost. One day, she approached the door to her room known.

and attempted to open it. Thinking her roommate was playing a trick on her by trying to keep the door from opening by, Francis asked to be let in. When the door was finally released, she was surprised to see that no one was in the room.

Another Isabella "survivor" is Jibri Houston, a first year graduate student. In his Sabine dorm room, Houston was asleep and suddenly felt a jolt of freezing coldness through his entire body. He tried to scream out loud, but nothing came

"It felt like my body was frozen for a few seconds and then released by something," said Houston.

So, after hearing these disturbing and uncanny tales of our famous NSU ghost, can a conclusion of whether Isabella is a deviant poltergeist or just a menacing

Unless she comes knocking on your door, the truth might never be

## prankster be made?

## Must-shriek TV lurks around the corner

By Joanne Weintraub Courtesy KRTCampus

It's hard to pinpoint exactly when Halloween became, like Christmas, not just an event but a season. But with whole aisles in drugstores and card shops having gone black and orange five minutes after Labor Day, how can television hold back on its own pumpkins-and-goblins act?

Some Halloween specials are best viewed with the lights on. Others are more foolish than ghoulish, like the late, great show-within-a-show, "Monster Chiller Horror Theatre," where Joe Flaherty's Count Floyd would get to the end of some awful fake thriller say, "Dr. Tongue's 3D House of Cats" and intone, utterly without conviction: "Ooh, that's scary!"

Some viewers might put "The 100 Scariest Movie Moments" (9 p.m. Tuesday through Oct. 30, Bravo) in the don't-turn-out-thelights category, though even the most unnerving scenes, those from "Carrie," "The Shining" and "Wait Until Dark" come to mind, are easier to take when they're between



quotation marks, so to speak.

Still, having seen "The Ring" for the first time, on cable, just a few weeks ago, I still shivered a little at the clip presented here. And just the thought of one particular scene in "Seven" is creeping me out a lit-

tle as I write this. The talking heads which would be a decent title for a spooky movie if a band hadn't taken it include old horror hands Stephen King, Wes Craven, John Carpenter and Clive Barker. At 10 hours, it's a bit much, so be advised that the special

counts down from least to most scary, with the Oct. 30 installment reserved for the truly hair-raising.

AMC's "Monsterfest," now in its eighth year, offers eight days of horror movies and original programming from Sunday through Oct. 31. (See www.amctv.com for the complete schedule.) One of the highlights is the Halloweenthemed premiere of a weekly reality series, "FilmFakers" (10 p.m. Wednesday, repeated 1:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Oct. 28 and 10:45 a.m. Oct. 31,

Each hourlong episode follows three aspiring actors through their first movie, a low-budget genre film. The twist is that say it with me the flick is a fake, with everyone else on the set, from the director to the other actors and lighting guys, in on the joke.

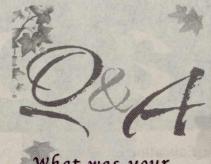
Fittingly, the "Monsterfest" edition is "Croc Park," a hilariously awful pseudo-indie film about four attractive twentysomethings who encounter man-eating crocodiles in the north woods. Crafty, those crocs: Who'd expect them in hipdeep snow?

Like vampires, these evil reptiles recruit as they chomp, converting each new gore-splattered human victim into another bloodthirsty crocodile. As one of the actress-victims puts it: "You can bite into my body, but you'll never bite into my soul!

The deception is both pretty funny and less mean than it

Once they learn the truth, the novice actors quickly realize that a cable reality show might actually get them wider exposure than the straight-to-video cheapie they

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What was your favorite Halloween costume as a child?

By Victoria Smith



"My favorite costume was Raggedy Ann, because I loved the cartoons."

-Ansonia Means, senior hospitality management and tourism



"I remember that my mom would dress me up as a pumpkin when I was three or four. A big orange pump-

-Elizabeth McNeill, senior biology major.



"Little Red Riding Hood. She was a little girl, and she conquered the big, bad

-Jessica Curiel- Sophomore



"My favorite costume was Batman because I loved to watch that show when I was a kid.'

-Keith Scott- Sophomore biolo-

## Fashionable FOCUS Raquel Hill

### Choosing a "non-spooky" scent

Trick or treat, smell my-Chanel No. 5?

When it comes to purchasing a fragrance that embodies your personality, choose wisely. Otherwise you could seriously end up offending the people around

This week, your job is to find a scent that really fits your lifestyle and your nasal preferences. Consider all factors: your body chemistry, the type of scent you're looking for and the effect you are wanting to emanate.

Ever hear of the expression "an elephant never forgets?" Elephants don't forget because their memory is triggered by scent. Although humans lack the obvious trunk, our memory is also closely tied with out sense of smell. So remember, be picky when it comes to selecting the perfect aroma for your chemistry, because you'll be remembered

There are tons of fragrances out there to choose from, but consider the lilies (and the jasmine and the vanilla). Here are some of my favorite and most fabulous fragrances for men and for women.

### For the Guys:

'Blue" by Polo:

This strong, sensual fragrance is perfect for the guy willing to intrigue his senses as well as the girl next door. This warm and inviting scent was introduced in 2002 with hints of patchouli, geranium, amber and melon. This is probably my favorite scent for men because it reminds me of my significant other (hence the memory factor). This scent is what I think a man should smell like. Beware, however; its power can be a bit of a nuisance to the nostrils if too much is sprayed onto the body. Usually, two short sprays are all you need.

"Romance" by Ralph Lauren: Another one of Mr. Lauren's genius fragrances is on store shelves with this refreshing bouquet of warm, sexy citrus and lavender, with sweet spices and woods. If you want to attract women in a dreamy, romantic sense while still keeping your manly reputation, try it out. Because of its lightness, it is recommended that that this scent be worn during the daytime.

"Dynamic" by Adidas:

I can envision a typical athletic male with traces of this scent following him around all day. "Dynamic" smells exactly the way it is titled. Its spicy, sweet aroma is outdoorsy and fresh. Can't you just imagine hiking through the mountains or whitewater rafting with cologne like

"Curve" for Men by Liz Clai-

The refreshing scent of Curve clears my senses and leaves me longing for a-well-I'll leave what I'm longing for to your imagination. Curve has fragrance hints of fresh greens, warm wind, pepper, with splashes of mahogany and water. This is another one of my very favorite male smells.

### For the Gals:

"Ralph" by Ralph Lauren:

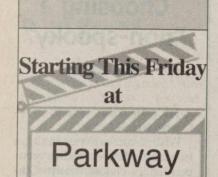
This feminine, flowery scent is perfect for the simple, low-maintenance woman. A woman who wears this is usually confident, fun-loving and easy to please. This scent is refreshing and light with hints of jasmine and fruit, and it is recommended for daytime wear. This is my everyday fragrance and it is perfect for the gal on the go.

"L'eau D'Issey" by Issey Miyake: This is my sexy scent—I wear this one when I have a special event or dinner to attend. In L'eau D'Issey, I definitely feel like

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a woman. The sharp, aquatic quality this fragrance possesses contains whispers of fresh water floral essence.

"True Star" by Tommy Hilfiger: This is probably the best fragrance for nighttime activities. This delicate fragrance is fun and fearless, so be sure to wear this for a night on the town. Spritz on this floral scent, and then go dancing. What else would you expect from a scent that Beyonce Knowles helped inspire? Can we say "Eau de Bling?"

"Warm Vanilla Sugar" by Bath and Body Works:

This scent is perfect for the fall season! It reminds me of home during the holidays and fresh. just-out-of-the-oven chocolate chip cookies. Spray this on, and you'll get those warm-fuzzies that can only be found with a scent as sweet as its name.

Think you've found a fragrance that you might be interested in? Go to a department store, and ask for a card sample. "Try on" each scent by rubbing the card where you think you'll wear your cologne or perfume the most. One at a time, please! Remember not to overload your senses.

Beware the fragrances created by Britney Spears and Celine Dion. Although their musical talent may be sound sweet, the scent is just the opposite. In fact, Britney's "Curious" just plain smells like sex, while Celine's self-titled fragrance smells like the lack thereof.

After figuring out which scents collaborate with your chemistry the best, let your nose and your imagination take flight and enjoy the aroma you and your essence have created.

\*Do you have questions or comments about fashion, trends or products. If so, be sure to send an e-mail to Raquel at SaucyFashion@aol.com. Who knows? It could be featured in the next issue of the Current Sauce.

## Modern twist on classic theater



Cheryl Thompson/the CURRENT SAUCE From left: Shane Stelly (Creon), Chris Ware (Oedipus) and Bryan Williams (Oracle) in the NSU Theater Department's rendition of "Oedipus Rox."

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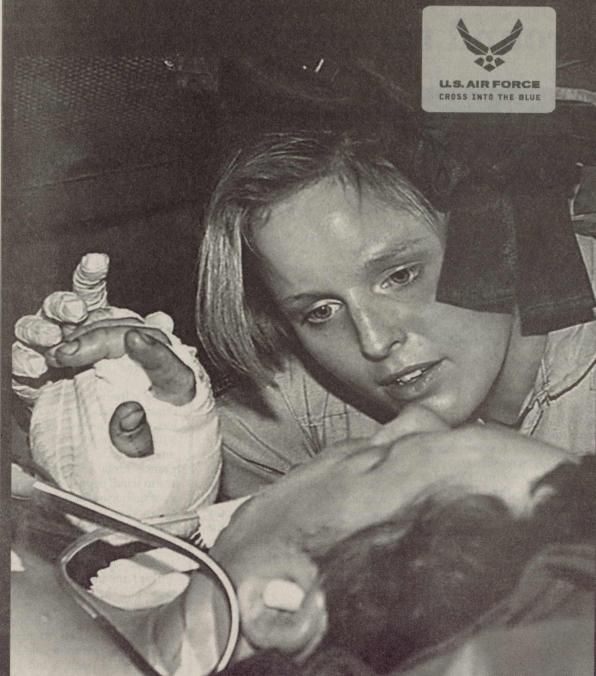
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thought they were making.

Future episodes will feature guest stars Erik Estrada in a fake Mafia movie, "Big Bang"; Rachel Hunter in a faux Western, "The Committed"; and "American Idol's" Justin Guarini in a make-believe teen musical called I love this "Song Island."

Though "Croc Park" is a joke, rapacious reptiles have starred in more real horror movies than you can flick a scaly tail at. They're one of the main categories considered in "Hollywood's Creepiest Crea-

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tures" (8 p.m. Oct. 30, Animal Planet), an inventory of frightful fauna hosted by that pun-loving mistress of the dark, Elvira.

Name your nightmare beast, and it's here: the bats of "Dracula," the rats of "Willard," the baleful bird of "The Raven," the killer dog of "Cujo," the sinister felines of "The Curse of the Cat People," the multiple sharks of all those "Jaws"-es, David Hedison (1958) and Jeff Goldblum (1986) as victims of bad buzz in "The Fly."

You and your kids could actually

### Have a Нарру Halloween

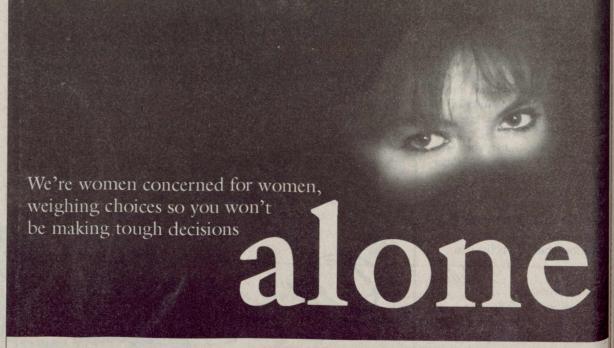
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learn something worth knowing too. Bats, it turns out, are not common in Transylvania. Sharks, according to one animal expert who appears in the two-hour special, kill fewer human beings per year than falling vending machines.

Animal Planet's "Howl-o-ween Week," also hosted by Elvira, features another premiere, "Nature's Vampires" (7 and 11 p.m. Sunday) on real-life bloodsuckers and a slew of repeats on killer bees, hiss ing cockroaches, piranhas, anacondas, etc. For more information, see www.animal.discovery.com.

No Halloween TV list, even a incomplete one, should fail to mention the creme de la creepy, that half-hour of animated terror known as "The Simpsons' Tree house of Horror XV" (8 p.m. Nov. 7 Fox). Golly, is it really XV already?

This year's three mini-horror-haha's are "The Ned Zone," "In the Belly of the Boss" and "Four Beheadings and a Funeral."



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Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE Demon senior middle blocker Beth Freeland hits a ball past a Sam Houston State player. NSU beat SHSU in five sets Sat.

# NSU rallies to win

Courtesy **Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

NSU 1, Houston 3

Whitney King continues to lay claim as one of the top freshman in the Southland Conference, knocking down 15 kills while hitting .375, but it wasn't enough as the NSU volleyball squad fell to Houston 25-30, 30-26, 23-30 and 21-30 here Tuesday night.

Already the co-owner of the school record with 31 kills in a match, she has obtained doubledigits in kills in 16 of the 24 matches played and has 282 total kills on the season, just 90 shy of breaking into the top five on the school's single-season kills list.

Isabela Duarte added 12 kills while Beth Freeland finished with 10 for the Lady Demons (11-13). Flavia Belo flirted with yet another triple-double match, getting seven kills, 17 digs and 26 assists.

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home match of the season, the NSU Demon volleyball squad rallied from a 2-1 deficit to defeat Sam Houston State in five sets here Saturday afternoon, and improving its record in Prather Coliseum to 6-1.

The win keeps the Lady Demons' postseason hopes alive as they improve to 11-12 overall and 7-6 in league play.

They are now tied with Sam Houston State (13-9, 7-6) for the sixth and final spot in the Southland Conference Tournament that begins on Nov. 18. The win also gave NSU its first-ever seven win season in league play.

After falling in the first game 30-21, NSU reversed the digits to take game two 30-21.

Isabela Duarte and Whitney King kept the Lady Demons in the match with King leading the team with 16 kills followed by Duarte's 14 as NSU sent the match to the deciding fifth game with a 30-27 game four win.

In the fifth, NSU rolled out to a 3-0 lead before the Bearkats could

kills in the game including the game-winner to give NSU a 15-8

Ashley Hadley led the team with 17 digs while Rachel Ford picked up a double-double with 10 digs and a team-high 26 assists.

The Lady Demons will now hit the road for six straight matches beginning with a non-conference contest at Houston at 7 on Tuesday. NSU will return home on Nov. 9 against Stephen F. Austin.

#### NSU 0, UTSA 3

Texas-Arlington used a highpowered offensive attack to down the NSU Demons in three sets 30-23, 30-28 and 30-17 in Southland Conference volleyball action here Friday night.

The Lady Demons (10-12, 6-6) put up a good fight, hitting .200 on the night with Isabela Duarte leading the team with 15 kills and 10 digs. Whitney King added 13 kills while hitting .324 as NSU drops to 0-30 all-time against the Lady

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### Baseball blues

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Excuse me, waiter, I would like to order now. May I please have an order of crow, with a side dish of broken hearts and a tall, cool glass of hell frozen over?

Last week my beloved New York Yankees lost in the ALCS to the hapless, mediocre Red Sox of Boston. As a result, I am currently enrolled in a 12-step program for heartbroken Yankee fans. Openly expressing my sorrow is step four.

I claimed it would never happen in my lifetime; not in a thousand years. Man, was I wrong.

This was a devastating loss in the truest sense of the word. New York was up three games to none in the series, and I was feeling pretty darn good. I was ready to rub it in to every baseball fan I knew.

"This is proof that the curse of the Bambino exists and is all-powerful," I said.

For those of you who do not know, the curse concerns the Red Sox trading Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1919. Boston has been without a title ever since.

Boston bounced back and won games four, five and six. During this span, the Yanks blew two leads late in the game.

"Uh oh," I thought, "this is not good." I was seriously beginning to doubt the Yankees' invincibility. They couldn't lose, could they?

As you can probably guess, the Red Sox won game seven at Yankee Stadium by seven runs. Boston was in the World Series for the first time since 1986, and the Babe turned in his grave. Fate had hocked a loogie and spat in my face.

The next day I was in the deepest level of despair.

"Woe is my down-trodden heart!" I cried out in anguish.

My so-called friends said stuff like, "Can you believe they blew a three game lead?" or "ESPN is saying it is the biggest collapse in sports history.'

During this I am thinking, "while I am dangling on the cliff of baseball despair, could you please step on my hands just one more time?"

After hitting bottom I realized that the Red Sox winning was not the end of the world. Yeah, they may have won the World Series, but in the end they will always be inferior.

The Yankees have 26 titles, which is 20 more than the Sox. Life is good when seen from that perspective. Thank God for Ruth, DiMaggio, Mantle and Jeter: I will be forever thankful.

It has been a week since my tragedy, and the world did not end like I thought it would.

Life will go on, and the Yankees will fight another day. Long live the Bronx Bombers and their glorious existence.

Mmmm....crow tastes like chicken.

Also Sports fan, remember to go vote this week in the presidential election on Tuesday.

Listen to 97.3 f.m. on Saturday to see how the Demons are playing against the Bison. You never know what will happen.

# NSU to hunt Bison

By Patrick West Sports Editor

The NSU Demons are taking a trip to Fargo, N.D. to hunt Bison.

The 31st annual Harvest Bowl is the Demons' first match up against the North Dakota State Bison, and they look to rebound after an upset last week against Nicholls State. The Bison are also looking to win after a tough loss last week against Great West conference foe and No. 5 California Polytechnic State.

With the Demons' loss last week, they fell from No. 9 to No. 15 in both major Division I-AA Top 25 Polls and hope to hold onto that position with a win against the No. 26 ranked Bison.

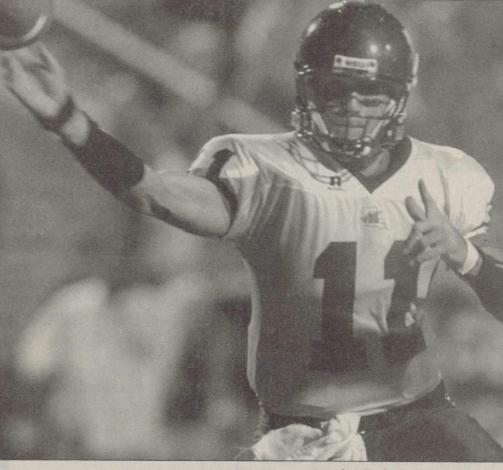
"This is a huge test for us," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said. "We need to play well this week to help us get confidence for November."

The Demons have struggled on the road this season, and playing in Fargo will be their toughest test this season. The Bison have won their last nine of 11 home games and since 1980, have won 201 out of 211 home games. NDSU has a 91 percent win rate at home in the FargoDome where 18,000 people are expected to attend Saturday's contest.

"A winning record like that is unheard of," Stoker said. "That is just ridiculous to have a record like that, and it will be a hostile environ-

This season the Demons are 1-2 on the road, and they statistically play worse away from Turpin Stadium. The Purple Swarm defense has allowed 155 more yards per

struggled averaging 149 including a loss to Northern ple Swarm, only giving up for 1 p.m. Saturday in Fargo.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Demon quarterback Connor Morel throws a pass against the Nicholls State Colonels last Thursday. Despite Morel's effort, the Demons loss to the Colonels 40-14 in Thibodaux, La.

UNIDome.

"We haven't played well on the road, and that is a fact," Stoker said. "We are two totally different teams in the dome."

The Bison are entering their first season as an I-AA school after making the jump from Division II status. NDSU is no stranger to winning; the Bison have won five national titles as a Division II school and have made the transition to Division I-AA easily

Saturday's game will also pit two of the top defenses in Division I-AA as both teams' yards less and 34 less points 228 ypg and are ranked first on the road, and the Demons nationally in rush defense

Iowa last season in the 269 total ypg while giving up a meager 14 points per game.

Coach Stoker said the Bison defensive line is just like NSU's front four. "North Dakota State's defense is just like ours,"

Stoker said. "They don't blitz a lot because their front four and turn the ball over that guys are that good.' For the Demons to win, NSU needs to hold on to the

football and not commit turnovers or penalties. The Demons had six turnovers including 14 penalties for 87 yards that

contributed to their downfall "When you turn the footgame and seven points more are ranked in the top five. ball over that many times, The Purple Swarm Defense is you are not going to beat week, and, hopefully, we

have woke up from it." have not won a game only giving up 63 ypg. The battle between the indoors. NSU is 0-3 indoors, The Bison mirror the Pur-

NSU 14, Nicholls 40

The NSU Demons were plagued with mistakes and turnovers helping the Nicholls State Colonels pull off the upset Thursday night on FSN Southwest television.

"When we play that bad much we are not going to beat anybody," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said. "We can't turn the football over like that, and it was embarrassing."

The Demons had four fumbles, three interceptions and 14 penalties in the 40-14 shocking loss to the Colonels, which snapped an NSU five game winning streak. This is the Colonels' second straight The NSU offense has also ranked second nationally in anybody," Stoker said. "It defeat over the Demons. Last truggled averaging 149 total defense only giving up was a nightmarish game last season, Nicholls beat NSU on homecoming 40-30.

"We are a good football team when we execute," Stoker said. "But when we don't execute it's ugly to watch, and we just didn't do anything right.'

The game started off with NSU scoring on 67 and 80 yard offensive drives and had an early lead.

Then, the game took an unusual turn. Nicholls scored first in the third quarter off a safety after NSU was pinned on their own 2-yard

On the ensuing drive after the free kick, Nicholls quarterback Yale Vannoy threw a deep ball into double coverage, but Demon cornerback Prentice West and free safety Russ Washington collided, sending the ball right into the hands of Colonel receiver Jared Landrum.

Landrum then scampered down the field for a 54-yard touchdown score giving the Colonels a 12-point lead.

"We didn't execute like we were suppose to, and we didn't play as a team," Safety Bryan McMillan said. "We were not focused tonight, and we just out outplayed and out executed by Nicholls."

The Demon offense finished the night with 348 yards of total offense.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Demon head coach Scott Stoker is displeased with his team during the loss to Nicholls.

# NSU sweeps at home



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce Sophomore Demon midfielder Mya Walsh runs down the field against Texas State last Friday. NSU beat TSU 2-1.

Sauce Reporter

It was a clean sweep for the NSU Demon soccer team this weekend as they downed Southland Conference opponents Texas State and Sam Houston, both by scores of 2-1.

The Demons entered the weekend tied for fourth in the Southland Conference but can finish anywhere from first to fifth going into the Southland Conference tournament which begins Nov. 4 at Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond.

It depends on what happens around the conference and whether they win their last regular season game against Louisiana-Monroe on Friday.

Friday night the Demons withstood some rain and a late comeback attempt by the Texas State Bobcats at the Demon Soccer Complex. NSU improved their con-

ference record to 6-4 and hope to propel their already established seed in the SLC tournament.

Sophomore midfielder Marliese Latiolais scored first against Texas State with 19 minutes already ticked off the clock in the first half on an assist from midfielder Natalie Waguespack to take

With six minutes still to go around the corner.

By Justin Hebert in the first half, defender Ashley Hadley broke away from midfield and nailed a goal to give the Demons a 2-0 lead, which eventually was all they needed.

Texas State finally scored on a put back off a blocked shot but was held in check by NSU for the remainder of the game. "It was a big win for us,"

Demons head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "I didn't think we played

particularly well, but we played hard, and sometimes it is more important to play hard than well. NSU followed up one big

win with another at home Sunday beating the Sam Houston State Bearkats and moving to a 9-10 record overall and 7-4 in the SLC. Demon defender Kaitlin

Bowman scored first with a header off Natalie Waguespack's corner kick that came 33 minutes into the first half. The Bearkats tied the game

with 3 minutes left in the half, but NSU came out strong after halftime when sophomore midfielder Julie Zavala scored one minute into the second half for the eventual winning goal.

Coach Mitchell said that it was important for the team to show they could win both games this weekend with the SLC tournament

"This is the first weekend in a long time we have won both of our games, and I feel that's so important because we have to be able to get into the conference tournament and turn around right after a game to play again and be successful," Mitchell said.

Demon coach Jimmy Mitchell said his team needs to play consistently and try to let some players rest before the tournament.

"When you're fatigued is when you lose your concentration level and I could see us doing that at times during games," Mitchell said. 'We've got to work on that a little bit. But the biggest thing is just to get our legs back under us."

The lone regular season game the Demons have left will be Friday night at 7 p.m., at the Demon Soccer Complex, against conference opponent Louisiana-Mon-

The game will also be the Demons' senior night for three players and one assistant coach.

The three senior players are midfielder Dani Thomas, defenders Katie Priest and Amy Hester along with former goal keeper and student assistant coach Nellie Latiolais. Latiolais did not play her senior year due to injury. This Just In Sp

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

CROSS COUNTRY

#### **Demons run** past Cajuns

Breeka Johnson picked ur her first collegiate cros Thu country win Friday after noon and led Northwester State's women to a team title in the NSU Quadran gular meet as the Lad Demons nipped Louisiana Lafayette and outran two other in-state schools.

Johnson covered a 4,000 Un meter course in 15:51.6, jus ahead of teammate Abb Salomon, who was second in 16:01.9 as the Lad Demons edged the Ladi Cajuns 29-35 by placing Louis four runners in the top si

Margeaux Fisher ran fift Super for Northwestern in 16;18.1 constr and Ruth Kinyanjui wa dence sixth in 16:18.1, while Marc Educa Ward rounded out the Lad Me Demon scorecard in 15th admi with an 18:04.2 clocking. | finance

NSU won at the ULI senta Popeye's Ragin' Cajun Invi Deve tational in September while Mind the Lady Cajuns beat NSI Natch to capture the team title earlier this month at the NSU Invitational.

In men's competition Friday, NSU and ULL tied for first in a two-school race Ben Schexnayder of ULI was the individual winner over 6,000 meters in 21:46.4 followed by Demon Gideon Rotich (22:44.9) and Aaron Heflin (23:14.7) and will b trailed by ULL's Brennar establ Benard (23:37.0).

The meet was the fina competition for NSU and ULM before the Southland Conference Championship ried st in Beaumont on Nov. 1.

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#### Slamboree takes place at Prather

Both NSU basketbal teams, each expected t contend for Southland Con ference championships this year with the Lady Demon defending the title they wor at last year, will be showcase Thursday night at 7 Prather Coliseum with the fourth-annual "Slamboree."

Admission is free for the hour-long event filled with prize giveaways, brie scrimmages by both teams contests for fans of all ages and chances to meet the players and coaches for the Demons and Lady Demons Kids and fans will have ! opportunity to win prize by shooting free throws the corners of the coliseum There will be a 8-foot goal and a kids goal for childre

under 5. At 7:10, the defending Southland Conference champion Lady Demon will be introduced by first year head coach Jennife Graf. Her team will scrip mage in two five-minut halves. During halftim fans will have a chance make a 3-point shot to w

After the Lady Demon wrap up their scrimmage 7:30, fans can line up for the dunk contest, judged two NSU coaches and tw NSU students.

Ten minutes later, coal Mike McConathy will into duce his men's team, which will also stage a 10-minu scrimmage. At halftim fans will participate in the "Roll for your Dough" co test with a shot to win \$501

just half a minute. Schedule cards posters and season tick information will be aval able at the Slamboree.

# **Potent Pair**

Morel and Vinson make up NSU's two-quarterback team.

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# **Bombs away!**

A popular new mixed drink hits the party scene, but is it bad for you?

# Life, Page 5 RENT SAUCE

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# New dorm approved

d a 4,000 University makes plans to create learning environment for students

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By Kyle A. Carter McCullen gathered Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 before members of the two boards to make one last appeal for approval of the new dorm complex. Anthony Scheffler, vice president of student affairs, said the presentation was out-

> "The best thing about the presentation was the coordination of it," Scheffler said. "Both Boards gave us compliments on the presentation."

Now with final approval from both Boards, President Randall Webb said Century Development, the construcpany for the University Columns and this new housing project, is ready to begin construction soon. But the University must still gain approval from the Louisiana Community Development Authority to sell bonds for the money to construct the new building. Construction will begin soon after the approval from LCDA is

given, Webb said. Scheffler said that details on how to make the building a place of learning and construction of the dorm itself

tion and management com- are still not finalized. He said ideas being considered include guest lectures, faculty living in the building, advising nights and video classrooms. These ideas came from other universities, he said, but nothing is official.

"We are looking at everything that can enhance the learning experience," Schef-

Vincent Spencer, development manager for Century Development, said the building's design and location have been decided. He said

■ See **Dorm**, page 2

residence halls has declined tember 2003.

this September than in Sep- icy this year."

that 169 fewer students were Seymour said. "We probably

living in the residence halls should have enforced the pol-

this semester. Felicia Young,

coordinator of housing, said



A computer-generated image depicts the new dorm complex, which will include a pool and a community center for residents. The new dorm is set to open next fall.

# University to enforce freshman live on campus rule

By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

Next fall, the University 2:44.9) and 3:14.7) and will begin enforcing a longs Brenna established rule requiring incoming freshmen to live in the fina on-campus facilities.

It is the policy of each uni-NSU and versity in the University of Southland Louisiana System that unmarnpionship ried students under the age of 21 are required to live on campus unless they qualify for

this rule in recent years.

Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said the University has not had to enforce the policy since mortgages on the six residence halls were paid off in 1998. Documents governing the mortgages required the University to enforce its policy. until the buildings were paid

"As long as the University exemption. However, the owed on the buildings, the

University has not enforced University was responsible for requiring students to live on campus to guarantee to the lenders that they would be paid back," Seymour said.

Seymour also said there was no need to enforce the policy because the residence halls were full.

"If the buildings are full and you don't owe any money, then you have the luxury of being lenient," Seymour said.

However, occupancy in the

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"The residence hall occu-

pancy is a problem this year,"

Dan Seymour

Vice President of Student Affairs

Frances Conine, director of student services, said another problem is that occupancy in the University Columns has declined. Century Development, the company that

tury Development will be developing the new apartment-style residence hall set to open next fall, which will generate more debt. "We have an obligation to our partner, Century, for the

develops and manages the

Columns is still in debt

because of them. Also, Cen-

University Columns and the new project to be sure that they meet their debt to their lenders," Conine said.

**See Freshmen**, page 2

## Rhythm and rhymes pected to attract large turnout at freestyle contest

Photo Editor

More than 150 students packed the Alley in the Student Union Tuesday for the Student Activity Board's first treestyle contest.

Freestyle is a form of rap that requires rappers to create rhymes and lyrics on the

Contestants took the stage in pairs and each contestant e coliseum was given about 30 seconds 8-foot god to improvise a rap—usually or childre condescending to the other contestant on stage—before defending turning the microphone over to his opponent.

Conference Despite the unfriendly nature of the competition, all ed by first of the contestants traded respectful high fives, handshakes and hugs at the end of

> A winner from each pair was chosen by greatest audience applause and was then allowed to move on to the next stage of the competition.

Audience members laughed, jeered and sometimes jumped out of their es and the seats in response to the Terrence McKinney won \$25.

By Leslie Westbrook freestylers quick comebacks and clever cut-downs.

The contest was originally only open by pre-registration to Rapides and Dodd Hall students, but show co-coordinator and Rapides SAB representative Jessie Dixon said any other students in attendance who wanted to get up and rap were welcome. No one else did.

Dixon said the event was

"I just got up one day, and said, 'Let's do it," Dixon

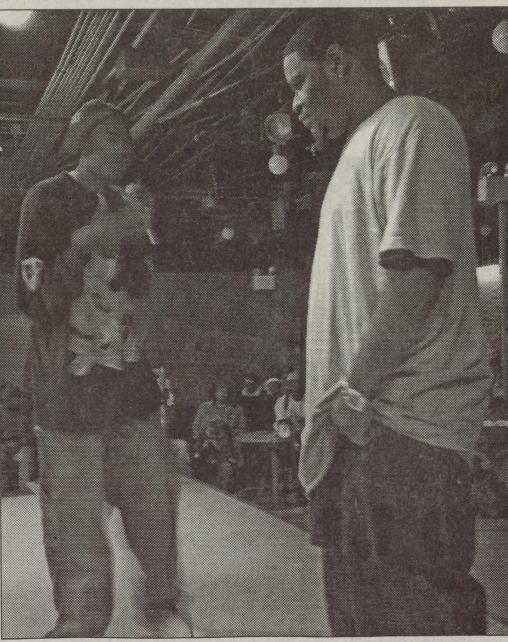
Dodd hall SAB representative Sheba Osborne also helped coordinate the event.

Contest winner Joshua Pierre, a junior accounting major, said he has been rapping more than eight years.

"When I want to improve my skills I freestyle, but when I want to be serious I write the lyrics," Pierre said.

In addition to the free concert, students were also served free ice cream, coke floats and pizza.

The first place prize was \$50 and second place winner



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE

Students "Stic" and Ebbie Robinson trade rhymes and put downs at the SAB's first freestyle competition.

## Sheriff shares term goals with students

Sauce Reporter

Sheriff Victor Jones said he would continue to work toward positive programs and hope for staff pay increases in his 2004 term.

Jones was a guest speaker Monday afternoon during a political science forum where he discussed controlling illegal substance in Natchitoches. Jones said he and his committee were still enforcing the DARE program in the school system, but the drug arrests continue to increase.

"The only way to stop drugs is to just say 'no'," Jones said.

Jones said he thinks the DARE program is effective, but there are other things that need to be done. Jones said he believes things need to be changed because young people are still trying drugs. Jones said he would like to begin enforcing the DARE program in high school to help them understand the negativity of drugs. Jones said another part of this plan he would like to enforce is better community policing to help identify crimes caused by drugs.

Jones also addressed

By Tasha Braggs replenishing and trying to get a pay increase for his decreased staff. Jones said the staff has not had a pay increase since 1981. He said until there is a resolution for an increase in budget, the sheriff's office is identifying areas for special patrolling.

Adam Zelasko, a junior journalism major asked Jones many questions concerning violence, drug problems and officer salaries in Natchitoches in order to clarify Jones's message.

"We need taxes for more officers to come and make Natchitoches a safer community and a safer place," Zelasko said. "Then criminals will think twice about committing a crime."

Jones also talked about his effective programs for the elderly such as "Are U Ok," which is a program that checks on the safety of the elderly everyday and his cellular phone donation program that allows senior citizens to have access to cell phones in case of emergency.

"Everyday is a learning experience," Jones said. "I feel that in my second term I feel more comfortable, and my staff and I are on the same page."

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•SGA pushes for picnic tables and cigarette receptacles University hosts programs for future grad. students

SAB holds 'Monday Night Movie' for Columns residents •KNWD releases this week's Top 30

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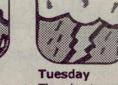
Sunday Mostly Cloudy

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American Chemical Society The ACS will be hostin a no

limit Texas hold 'em tournament tonight at 6 p.m. at the NSU Rec. Center. Buy in is \$5, and a \$100 first place prize will be awarded.

Department of English The course ENGL 4190-45N Shakespeare is listed incorrectly

in the Spring 2005 schedule. The correct listing is as follows: 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thurs-

**Health Services** The Great American Smokeout will be held on Nov. 18. Students

are encouraged to quit smoking for 24 hours. Health services will be available in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with supportive information and strategies to quit smoking.

SAB The SAB will be holding a canned food drive until Nov. 27 in the Student Union Lobby. Cans must be turned in to the SAB Committee Room 232 by 4:30 p.m.

Photography Club Meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Room 205 in the CAPA building. They are open to all students.

Bring Connections to Kyser 225, or e-mail them to currentsauce@nsula.edu. Please include a name and telephone number.

### DORMS FROM PAGE 1

construct the building to mirror other campus buildings such as Russell Hall and the Elementary Lab School buildings.

Spencer said the University will have to re-route traffic behind Sabine Hall and the entrance to the P.E. Majors' building to help the flow of traffic and provide parking space for the new dorm. He said a new parking lot will be constructed for the Teacher Education Center because the current lot will be used for the new dorm.

The dorm will be three buildings with three floors. Each floor will have a lounge area with larger kitchens, televisions, study areas, washer and dryers and vending machines, Spencer said. He said

Century Development is trying to the individual units will be conning of the semester. Seymour said nected by a central corridor. Units will contain either a two-bed, twobath living area or a four-bed, twobath living area. There will be a pool and a community center, where the management offices and computer labs will be located.

The plan is to provide an alternative style of housing for students, said Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs.

"The point is we are trying to build something between an apartment and a dorm," Seymour said.

The building will include small kitchen areas, a main living quarter and the perks of an apartment complex, Seymour said. However, instead of paying every month, the student will pay once at the begin-

the University will offer ninemonth leases and 12-month leases that will allow students to live in the building all year or the school year only. He said the University plans to designate the new building for summer housing. The facility will not close during the holidays unlike the other residence halls on campus, Seymour said.

Webb said the University will begin moving students out of Rapides Hall once the new dorm is finished and ready to house students. Rapides residents will move into the new dorm or other residence halls, and Rapides will be torn

"We want to provide the kind of housing that is conducive to hous-

ing prospective students and older students," Webb said.

Approval from LCDA must be met before the dorm can be constructed, Seymour said. Work cannot begin until the bonds are sold to construct the building, he said.

Spencer said Century Development plans to begin construction in December following approval to sell the bonds from LCDA in upcoming weeks. He also said Century Development has hired a construction team that has worked with the company before and has made plans if rain becomes a prob-

Seymour said there is no real fear that the LCDA will disapprove the selling of the bonds.

### FRESHMEN

of the University Columns, said the occupancy of the apartments declined from 99 percent capacity in the fall of 2003 to 77 percent in September.

Conine said the University will begin enforcing the policy specifically with freshmen because studies have shown that on-campus living is beneficial to freshmen.

All the research you can find, and even our local research shows that students who live in residence halls are more retainable and are more likely to meet their goals," Conine said. "Although I do want to comply with board policies, the bigger issue to me is providing affordable on-campus housing to students so that they can reach their educational goals."

Conine said that each year NSU must compete with other state universities for college-bound freshmen, and housing is a large factor in this competition.

"If we can provide new, safe, affordable housing, we are much more likely to first, get them here and second, keep them here,"

Conine said. Young agreed that on-campus

living is beneficial to freshmen. "It's a good idea for them to live on campus because they have con-

Katie Moring, managing director cheaper. They won't have to worry about paying for gas or rent. Here, it is paid in one lump sum."

Young said the decline in occupancy in the residence halls is probably due to competition with the Frog Pond apartments, which opened in August.

Seymour said the decline is also due to the limited on-campus living options, which are not desirable for many students, and the poor conditions of the residence hall

Conine said the Frog Pond apartments have created a "honeymoon effect" on students who are attracted to something new. However, she said the University's decaying facilities are more to blame for the decline in residence-hall occupan-

"We want the Frog Pond to be full," Conine said. "If they are full, that means the University is full. There's no doubt that we would want them to be successful."

Seymour said although the University's policy restricts all students under the age of 21 who do not meet exemption requirements to are already living off-campus should not be concerned.

The concept is that we are going to be sensitive to continuing stuvenient access to everything they need," Young said. "Also, it's dents who already have expering variety of friends," Lowe said. "I know that if I wasn't forced to live

"I wouldn't want to be confined to campus. It would make me feel like I am still in high school."

**Ashley Barrow** Freshman biology major

going to be more rigid with freshmen," Seymour said.

Marilyn Vascocu, leasing manager for the Frog Pond apartments said this will affect business at the apartments because many fresh-

We knew about the housing rules, but we knew there were ways that students could get out of it," Vascocu said. "If all freshmen are going to have to live on campus, it will definitely affect us."

Vascocu did not know the number of freshmen who live in the Frog Pond apartments.

Rebbecca Lowe, a freshman psychology major in the Louisiana Scholars' College, is a resident of Boozman Hall. The Scholars' Colon-campus living, students who lege already requires its freshman to live in Boozman.

"I think it is a good idea to be put in that environment, and being in the dorm forces you to make a wide on campus, I probably wouldn't be making the effort to meet so many different kinds of people."

Gwendolyn Melancon, a sophomore nursing major, is a resident of Sabine Hall. She said that when she was a freshman, she had friends who lived on and off campus, and she noticed differences in their behavior.

"My friends on campus made better grades, and my off-campus friends were more concerned about what they were wearing to the club tonight instead of studying for a test," Melancon said.

Ashley Barrow, a freshman biology major and resident of Sabine Hall said she understands why it is beneficial to freshmen to live on campus, but she thinks it is unfair for the University to require it.

"I wouldn't want to be confined to campus," Barrow said. "It would make me feel like I am still in high

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#### **NSU Police Blotter**

An ARAMARK employee called about another counterfeit bill. 10:48 a.m.

There was a call from a campus employee about people selling cookies on the Bienvenu side of Kyser. The caller said that they were acting hostile and getting in people's faces trying to sell the cookies.

10-27-04 2:32 a.m.

The AAC from Rapides called because there were problems with some of the residents. An RA witnessed a resident knocking out a ceiling tile.

5:10 p.m. A student requested the assistance of an officer because he had

just witnessed his ex-girlfriend vandalizing his vehicle.

9:40 p.m.

A call was received from the Tau Kappa Epsilon house in reference to criminal damage on a vehicle and on the TKE letters. 1:35 p.m.

A man called to report that he had been to the Columns to visit a friend and accidentally left some of his belongings in her apartment. He said that she told him she would burn his stuff if he did not come back and get it immediately.

10-29-04

A call was received in reference to a possible break-in at the Rapides parking lot. The windshield and back glass of a Camry had been smashed out. Statements were taken from witnesses.

10-31-04

Two calls were received about the Columns sign falling into the

road. The officer dispatched requested assistance in moving it. 11-1-04

1:01 p.m. Officers were trying to locate CDs at the TKE house. The student said that the TKE members were keeping the CDs from him because he quit the fraternity.

12:35 a.m.

The RHS from Sabine called to report a noise outside that sounded like a gunshot. Officers found noth-

A student was assaulted on campus when returning from Brookshire's. He was transported to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital in an ambulance.

An employee from Vic's called to inform police that they were monitoring a student who was attempting to steal discounted food. 7:20 p.m.

A call was received reporting

possible drug use in Third East of

Rapides. The room under suspicion

11:28 a.m.

A Vic's employee called because they were having trouble with a student. Two more calls were received, and the subject was taken

had no occupants and statements

into custody. 2:09 p.m.

were taken.

A student came in to report that some sort of product had been poured all over his car in the Rapides parking lot and that there was possible paint damage.

1:07 a.m.

The RHS at Boozman reported that a male resident passed out and that alcohol was involved.

11:31 a.m.

A call was received about someone having chest pains at the band competition. The subject was transported by ambulance to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

A woman called to report that a Red River bus driver tried to run over about 10-12 students.

11-7-04

8:22 p.m. Someone from Rapides called to report that a Domino's delivery girl was having a seizure by her car. She was transported by ambulance to the Natchitoches Parish Hospital. Officers secured her car.

# SAB to host exotic critters

By Savanna Mahaffey Sauce Reporter

The Student Activities Board invites NSU students to take a walk on the wild side with

"SABari." The SAB representatives-atlarge are bringing in exotic animals from Animal Rentals in Chicago. The animals will be displayed outside of Vic's in Friedman Student Union from 11 a.m.

to 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Featured animals will include a costumed monkey, a 10-foot python, a four-foot alligator, hissing cockroaches, a large exotic parrot and many others. Participants will be allowed to interact and take pictures, which will be available online, with the animals

June Chauvin, SAB events committee representative, said she encourages everyone to join the festivities by wearing camouflage.

Other activities for the day include temporary tribal art tattoos, refreshments and ARA-MARK discount card give-a-ways. Refreshments will include pizza, popcorn, drinks and animal cook-

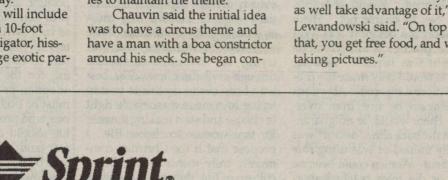
ies to maintain the theme. Chauvin said the initial idea was to have a circus theme and have a man with a boa constrictor tacting zoos and then realized it would be better to bring in more exotic animals, thus creating the vin said. The funding for events, such as this one, comes from stu-

SAB member Julie Lewandowski said the event will be entertaining and worthwhile.

"Students have already paid for it with their fees so they might as well take advantage of it," Lewandowski said. "On top of that, you get free food, and we're

"SABari" theme. The cost of the animal rentals was \$1,600, Chau-

dent fees.



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# Where were you on 11/2?



By J. Aaron "Q"

In the next four years, we will see at least one and possibly as many as four of the justices on the Supreme Court retire. Bush will appoint their replacements. The Republican congress will approve them. They won't be "judicial activists," which means they'll agree with whatever the president says the Constitution means.

In the next four years, the PATRIOT Act will be made permanent, meaning the government can track anyone it wants pretty much any way it wants without any justification or accountability.

In the next four years, deficit spending will probably continue.

These debts will have to be repaid. We will be the ones paying them.

In the next four years, Bush will keep borrowing from Social Secu-

My parents will find the coffers thin when they retire. I may find

In the next four years, the government will continue lying blatantly to the American people about what America is doing, and the media will continue to go along with it.

He fooled you twice, America. Shame on you.

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We at the Current Sauce salute veterans on and off campus. Happy Veterans Day!



By T. Hargis

What do you think all those Democrats in those blue states were thinking last Tuesday night when the exit polls came in from the east coast predicting a huge Kerry win? I bet it was the opposite of what they were thinking when three fourths of the country was lit up in red by 3 a.m. Wednesday. Predictably, the liberal Northeast went to Kerry and the AFLCIO rich northern states were candy in his pocket. Calif-lib-eronia was a forgone conclusion along with Oregon and Washington. It's amazing to look at the map and see all those red states in the South, the Southwest, the North and middle America. Bush won by 3.5 million popular votes and made Florida and Ohio a victory lap. I have to say Kerry has shown me something in defeat I thought he never had during the campaign, class and brains. Class in that he saw he was beat and conceded to Bush with a phone call after looking at the numbers in Ohio as the provisional

ballots were being thrown out by the truckload. He talked in his farewell speech about getting the country back together and working for a better America. Brains in that he didn't commit political suicide by pitching that horrible crybaby fit Gore did in 2000 using every excuse in the book why he didn't win. He was emotional and genuine in his love for his ideals and I can really respect that. I wish he would have talked that way before we all cast our votes he might have even convinced me I had a choice beside Bush.

According to CNN, 59,459,765 voted for the President nationwide with a margin of just over 3.5 million over Kerry. Why would Bush pick up more people than in 2000? would much rather have Kerry as president than Gore but why did so many people come to the polls in groves? 70 percent of voters for Kerry voted so because they were anti-Bush. That means only 30 percent of Kerry casters did so because they liked him. You can't get elected when 85 percent of people think you are a second-class candidate. The media wasn't always behind Kerry. In fact, the media was split in half with 49 percent being pro-Kerry and 51 percent being anti-Bush so I can see how Americans were led to be so divided.

Thirty percent of people who voted listed morals as their driving force for voting in this election. 80 percent voted for President Bush. That's right, 80 percent of people voted against the moral style of John Kerry and the liberal side of the Democratic Party. No doubt you will read things this week in this very paper about how stupid people were for voting for Bush and that we are all dumb and fee-ble minded. They will call the lower and middle class church attending family making \$25,000 a year too incompetent to see the light when they were in the voting booth. They will say how Bush will have the secret police out run-ning around keeping the Republicans in power and invoking their

will on all of society. Just smile. Smile real big and tell them they need to attend a Liberal's anonymous meeting here at NSU. The first step as always is admitting you have a problem.

For example, the Filler column and those liberal scholars, who would be anonymous of course, would stand up and say something similar to this: "Hi everyone. I'm (insert your meeting name here), and I'm a flaming liberal. I've been liberal vote free for about 3 weeks

now," (polite applause from other members).

'You know I used to think that an anti-Bush, pro-abortion, pro-gay marriage, pro-stem cell research, and a pro-partial birth execution stance would get us that middle American evangelical vote. I just didn't get it. You know if we get behind these issues that America feels are important we might just get back in power to pass those social issues we all agree with. They just won't elect us because they feel God is much bigger than their pocket books and their lives. Strange isn't it. Zell Miller saw the light and now so have I," (enthusiastic applause follows). To end the meeting there would be a cry session called the Gore experience. Participants graduate by either forming their own third party or go into a petrified alcoholic binge with Tom Daschle in the hills of South Dakota were he will join Al in the land of liberal loonies. Meetings are facilitated by reformed Democrats who are also current members of the College Republicans.

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# Abortion: Is banning it really an option?



By Justin

I would like to spend some time this week talking about abortion. Since the re-election of George W. Bush, the news channels have been busy speculating about what the president's supporters will demand in return for their support. One of the things that always ends up at the top of the list is the banning of abortion.

I once sat through a Catholic mass where the priest spoke about how it was the duty of Catholics to spread this culture of life throughout the nation. He said that the United States lacked a basic respect for life, and that this was the source of many of our social ills. He then called on the congregation to write letters to their senators in support of a national ban on abortion.

It seemed to me that this was a knee-jerk reaction. I understand

the revulsion Christians must feel towards abortion. However I do not feel that people like the priest that day have really thought through their actions. Take a moment to think through the consequences of abortion being sud-denly banned. Would abortions stop? No, of course not. There were abortions before it was legal and the practice would continue even if it was banned. Banning abortion would only make the procedure more dangerous. Abortions would again be free from oversight. There would be no guarantee that the back alley "doctor" was formally trained or was using safe equipment. Women could sterile or die from botched abortions. Banning abortion would also result in a flood of confused sixteen-year-old girls being thrown into jail for murder. Unexpected teen pregnancy can be a traumatic and embarrassing thing for young girls, and I don't think it is fair to ruin their lives for taking the easy way out, especially when they are making that decision under such duress. Would hearing horror sto-

the news really bring this country together and build a culture of life?

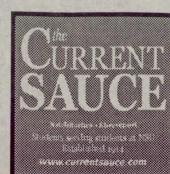
Banning abortion would not magically make people respect life in this country. It would merely drive another wedge into our already divided populace. If Christians want to succeed they must stop trying to criminalize those who disagree with them and start trying to change their minds through civil discourse. The best way I can see to do this is to stop trying to remove a woman's right to choose and start making it easier for that woman to choose life. I propose that if the Christian community truly wants to establish a culture of life, they should imitate Jesus and lead by example.

The leading alternative to abortion is adoption, but in the United States today, the process for adopting a child is so complicated that few do it. Many women do not want to birth a child and condemn it to a life in an orphanage. If adoption was easier and more common, more women may choose to give up the child rather than abort. If

ries such as these every night on every Christian family that could do so adopted a child, there would not be a need for orphanages in this country. Instead of picketing clinics and calling women whores and murderers, it would be far more productive to civilly explain your position and humbly offer to open your home to that child and raise it as your own. Instead of writing letters to your senators calling for a ban on abortion, write letters urging for the simplification of the adoption process. Cultures of life must be built, not legislated. Anyone who proclaims to truly respect life should abandon the tactics of fear and guilt and express their love by raising a stranger's child as their own. This path will take a lot of patience and self-sacrifice, but I believe that it is far more preferable to the alternative, which would rip our already divided country apart by the seams.

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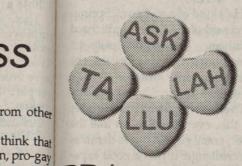
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Dear Readers,

(Sigh)....Public displays of affection - made for people who night just ass those are so in love they cannot help ree with, but shamelessly display it to the because whole world by making out in gger than public places. Do not get me wrong, reader, I am all for public r saw the displays of affection. Be it a kiss, (enthusia hug or a body slam, this is end the America and you should have the freedom to do what you want, as long as it is not hurting y either anyone.

But there are limits to my nge with amusement over couples that cannot keep their hands to themselves. For instance, when a pair etings are of naked, writhing bodies locked emocrats in a passionate embrace is blocking the way to my 9 a.m. class, I tend to get a little peeved. OK, maybe they were not naked and writhing, but I have a strong suspicion that if the door had not opened and knocked the girl in the head, everyone would have had tickets to a free show. I still had to basically step over their panting bodies so I could be on my way.
So, where am I going with

this? Have some self-control people! Is the person you are dating, or with, or whatever you want to call it that irresistible? How do you ever get any work done? Or are you failing your classes in the pursuit of sex and love?

But enough of my ranting over this couple, whom are obviously missing a few brain cells, probably from being hit in the head too many times by a stray door. I believe that public displays of affection are wonderful. In a world where most people would rather give you the finger than a helping hand, it is nice to see that there is some morsel of love in this place. A little light petting, a quick kiss, hug or handholding are all perfectly acceptable ways to show your affection and tend to fly under my radar.

However, and I prefer to call the above-mentioned example as public displays of lust rather than public displays of affection, it is not alright to have your hands down someone else's pants in the middle of a crowd. Where is this acceptable behavior? You should be sensitive to others around you, not everyone wants to witness your randy

So, if you are a part of one of these ever so physical couples, try to keep the heavy groping at a minimum. You would probably hate it if a couple sat right in front of you at the movies and made out the entire time. Try to remember that the couple behind you most likely feels the same way. If you need some kind of meter to control little shows of affection, do not display any behavior that would not be acceptable in front of parents. This is a good way not to offend people, assuming that your parents are rather cool, and are alright with hugging and quick kisses in front of them.

I know this all sounds quite prim and proper, and that college is a time of experimentation, but there is a time and place for everything. It is better that you are clued in to this now rather than when you have a job and your boss catches you performing unspeakable acts atop the company copy machine. You will quickly learn that your boss will not be quite as willing to over-look your penchant for PDA as a fellow student or professor will.

~ Tallulah

\* Disclaimer: Recognize that I am not a professional psychologist or psychiatrist, and I base my advice solely on my own personal experience and research that I have done. Have any questions about life, love, or sex? Or hate her advice? Tell Tallulah and send her an e-mail at currentsauce@nsula.edu.

# All in the mix Latest mixed drinks have 'explosive' effects

By Raquel Hill Life Editor

Feeling "wired" is how you would feel after downing a shot of Espresso at PJ's. It is not how you would expect to feel after downing a few drinks at the bar.

Amid all the heavy smoke and loud music, many bar-goers find themselves enjoying a few drinks.

Some enjoy the usual: a couple of draft beers, Amaretto-Sours and shots of Jose Cuervo. But nowadays, drinks are getting more creative. Not only do drinkers get a buzz from their drinks, they get a

high.

This might come as a surprise, but more and more drinkers are finding themselves feeling more energetic when they leave the bar rather than when than enter it. And it is all thanks to the makers of

According to RedBull.com, the energy drink contains intense elements like taurine and caffeine, which supposedly stimulates metabolism, increases concentration and improves reaction speed and performance under stress and.

Those are the facts about Red Bull, but that is where the truth ends and where the craziness

While many consumers like to drink it before cramming for an exam or a long road-trip, the latest rage is explosive—"bomb shots."

If you are clueless as to what a bomb drink is, you are probably not hitting up the clubs very often. This combination of Jagermeister or Vodka with Red Bull can be both an amusing and exotic thrill for your taste buds.

Stephanie Loennig, chemistry major, has tried the infamous Red Bull bombs and said she really likes

"They're fun to drink, especially



Photo illustration by Cheryl Thompson/the CURRENT SAUCE

when you've got a big group of people doing it with you," Loennig

Social work major Jennifer Senn said she remembers feeling more carefree and less uptight.

"I feel like I can't hold anything back," Senn said.

Even though bar goers are ordering this popular mixed drink steadily, many of the doctors at WebMD.com feel that mixing up a stimulant like Red Bull and a depressant like alcohol can be harmful to the body because when a hangover.

they are combined, the drinker gets the worst effects of both and no

Unlike Gatorade, which replenishes body electrolytes, Red Bull does not promote re-hydration. Instead, the high amounts of caffeine and sugar increase the body's metabolism which then leads to

Alcohol, which dehydrates the brain, mixed with an energy drink like Red Bull will do more than "give you wings"—it will give you

Dr. Gregory Stewart, co-medical director of the Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine in New Orleans and affiliate of WebMD.com, said the potent stimulant effect is not a good thing at all.

"Alcohol tends to knock you out, and that is good in that it can prevent alcohol poisoning," Stewart said. "But if you are taking something that will keep you going, you could raise your blood-alcohol to toxic levels."

The bad news does not stop there. Mixing the two substances can also affect the heart.

The drink, which increases metabolism, also raises blood pressure, and for those who experience a pre-existing medical condition, the result of consuming Red Bull mixed with alcohol could be fatal.

'Caffeine is a stimulant, similar to that of ephedrine, so the effects are basically the same," Steward

Although the facts about dehydration and blood pressure pose health problems for the consumer, the real problem is in the "high."

The "high" given off by the energy of the drink can leave drinkers with a false sense of sobrietywhich can be deadly for both the consumer and those around them. Those drinkers who experience this sense of awareness might be more inclined to drive after drinking which is both hazardous and ille-

Despite the health issues that are at hand, bar-goers like Loennig and Senn said they still plan to enjoy the drink but will think twice about having more than one.

Loennig said she likes the drink because she has more fun, feels more alert and has more control.

"I like drinking them because it gives you an amazing zing," Loennig said. "Knowing the facts, though, makes it easier to turn down a second round."

# Fashionable FOCUS Ragnel Hill

### C'mon, get happy!

Do you know what it's like to be truly happy? I don't think I've got the entire idea mastered or anything, but I have a few pretty good ideas on how.

It's sort of a drag to see my peers walking around in a daze, completely stressed or utterly depressed.

Wake up, people! It's time to take a hold of your life and find some happiness in it. Without finding out what is truly beautiful on the inside, you'll never have real beauty. Period.

Beauty comes from within. As the song goes: "I am beautiful, no matter what they say. Words can't bring me down."

Once you discover the magnificence of your inner bliss, you'll be able to enjoy life and be happy with it. Knowing that you are happy on the inside will make you happy on the outside, and an outward smile is always

No matter what season, no matter what's in style, no matter the atmosphere.

With a little help from this months issue of "Cosmopolitan" I was able to come up with some ways to ease away from the gray cloud above and push into some sunshine. Everyone needs a little sunshine in their life—it's good for the soul.

#### First things first:

Don't question yourself. You are your biggest critic, so when you hear that nit-picking voice start to pick on you about how your diet isn't working or you start feeling cruddy about not keeping that guy you were interested in around, ignore it. Better yet, assume that it's oh-so-totally wrong.

#### Second:

Walk with pride. There's nothing that I hate to see more than a person with horrible posture and an ugly walk. Those who walk with bigger strides swing their arms and walk with their heads held high feel happier and more confident that those stuck in an old-lady stance with their shoulders hunched over. Walking tall gives others the sense that you are proud of who you are and you want others to know it. So be a goddess (or a god) and walk

#### Third:

Manage your time. I know that you might feel that the world will crumble and you will shrivel up and die if you don't get that extra 10 minutes of sleep in the morning. Get up! Make time for yourself, and your stress fact will totally decrease. Once you see that you have enough time in your day to do everything you need, your mind will stop over analyzing your schedule and you finally find a spare moment to take out for yourself. Believe me, if you need happiness in your life, take a breather.

#### Fourth:

Smile! I cannot tell you how important it is to smile—even in the face of great trial. Knowing that you have a smile on your face will remind yourself that things really aren't that bad. And honestly, it's ok to fake one once in a while. When you start to feel down, don't do the obvious act of pouting—think of something funny and smile or laugh out loud. Smiles are beautiful, not matter who you are.

God made dirt and dirt don't hurt—that's what I always say. Everyone I know is obsessed with staying clean and intact all day. The way I see it is that you can't have fun staying clean. Sometime you have to get dirty. Get out there with your guy or girl friends and play a little touch-football, paint something or get out and play in the rain.

### Student talent really heats things up By Chris Reich and the lyrics appearing on a TV in

Graphics Editor

Students not only got a free show and some good music Wednesday in the Friedman Student Union, many walked away with a CD of their own music.

Hot Trax, a mobile digital recording booth brought to NSU by the Student Activity Board's lagniappe committee, allowed up to two students at a time to record their own single. The students had a choice from about 2000 songs.

Eva Sterling, head of the Lagniappe committee, decided to bring the studio to NSU because it gives students something that they can take home.

Kevin Stafford, freshman biology major, said he enjoyed the experi-

"I never had something like this growing up," Stafford said after performing a duet to "Dilemma"

Recording a CD was easy for students. After signing up for a place in line, the students would choose a song to sing. The songs were karaoke, with the vocals removed

the booth. Before the first note is sung, though, an album cover must

The performers stand in front of a green screen and pose for a photo. The green screen allows the background to be removed and replaced with the student's choice.

The recording takes little time. The words come on the screen, the music comes in through the speakers, and the gathering crowd gets a free show of their fellow students' singing talents.

While flyers were posted for the free recordings, most students decided to record a CD when they walked by or while waiting for a class to start.

Maurice Allen, junior music education major, said he really liked

"It gives something for students to do instead of sitting around waiting for class," Allen said. Arian Sykes, senior psychology

major, who recorded her version of R Kelly's "I believe I can fly," said this was a "good use" of student



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE Latavia "Taye" Williams sings R. Kelly's hit single "I Believe I Can Fly."

ing their own CDs.

"I think it was a total success," Sterling said. The Lagniappe committee spent \$2000 to bring the Hot About 500 students attended the Trax digital recording booth to booths.

event, with about 100 of them mak- campus. The booth is owned and operated by Interactive Attractions, an Atlanta based entertainment company that also operates inflatable attractions and antique photo

# Sequels and series now available on DVD

Sauce Reporter

The month of November brings not only cold weather and Thanksgiving, but new DVD and VHS releases to stores.

Prisoner of Azkaban, the third installment to the Harry Potter series, is set to arrive in stores Nov. 23. If the story of Harry Potter is not known by now, it is a tale of a young boy who is a wizard, but does not find out about his extraordinary abilities until he is 11 years old. It is then that he is invited to attend Hogwarts, a witchcraft and wizardry school for those just like make amends with his somewhat

By Derick Jones him. There he begins his journey and "Azkaban" is the story of his third year. He meets, once again, a new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, learns more of his history, and also discovers that the murderer Sirius Black has escaped Azkaban Prison to hunt him down.

The DVD includes features like deleted scenes, games, sing-alongs and much more.

Out Nov. 30 is Spider-Man 2. Two years have passed for Peter Parker (Tobey McGuire) who has now become a college student and parttime crime fighter. He can barely keep up with school, pay his rent or

best friend Harry, who wants Spi- contains episodes like Revenge of the der-Man dead. Peter's idol, a renowned scientist named Otto Octavius, resurfaces after a failed experiment. Peter notices that he is losing some of his powers and is feeling the effects of the stress in his personal life. He realizes he must decide between being who he once was or keeping his secret identity to save New York City.

Television shows are also debuting new seasons.

On the list to slide in is Aqua Teen Hunger Force: Volume Three. It is that time again to hear Meatwad's problems, and Master Shake's insightful comments. The DVD

Trees, Frat Aliens, The Cloning, and many more. One freshman, Mitchel Moering,

said Nov. 16 is too far away.

"I'm super excited about ATHF," Moering said. "I'll buy it as soon as

Smallville: The Complete Third Season DVD features several moments where Clark's (Tom Welling) life is once again split between his personal and mysterious heroic lives. His breakup with Lana, Chloe's near death experience and Lex's rediscovered friendship are high-

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# GET HAPPY Theatre event brings on 'the fever'

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Sixth:

Treat yourself to a vacation. I don't mean use your life savings on a trip to Cancun or anythingjust take a mini-road trip to a nearby city. Catch up on your shopping in Shreveport or go visit the zoo in Alexandria. By treating yourself every once in a while, you'll let your mind and body take a breather, and getting back to reality won't seem like such a

Seventh:

Get into a routine. Begin your morning with something that will wake you up and brighten your day, whether its ordering that large vanilla velvet-ice you just love or just a simple breakfast of eggs sunny-side-up.
Schedule a weekly girls-night-in

with popcorn and chick-flicks or meet the guys every week for Monday-night football. The truth is that life is totally random. By keeping a few rituals around, your life will feel at least a little bit in order and keep you in high spirits.

Pamper yourself. If you don't give yourself a little piece of heaven now and then, your psyche is sure to crash on you. Schedule one night a week where you don't do anything but burn incense and listen to Josh Groban. Give yourself a manicure or pedicure or indulge yourself with Godiva chocolate

The point this week is for you to make yourself happy. Everyone is so wrapped up in pleasing the people around them, but by giving your life a little euphoric break every now and then, you'll start to see that happiness agrees with

And when happiness agrees with you on the inside, the whole world will know it on the outside.

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Who knows? If could be featured in the next issue of the Current Sauce.

Sauce Reporter

What does it mean to be "nor-

Roger Held, the department's artistic director, said he is directing Noel Howard's Hay Fever, a comedy about an unusual family struggling to fit in with society. The show opened with a preview

By Kyle Shirley Wednesday and will run today a period piece. through Saturday and Tuesday through Nov. 19. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.

Held said he selected the show in an effort to bring diversity to the department's schedule and to offer students a chance to demonstrate the skills they have been studying in class, since the play will allow students an opportunity to work on



Members of the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Merching band rehearse their performance for the annual Band Jamboree. The event is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. in the A. A. Fredericks Auditorium.

"Hay Fever is kind of a 20th century classic," Held said. "It's an interesting menagerie of personalities that get thrown together, and that's where the humor comes from. It's too complicated to mean just one thing. But at the same time it's reasonably funny."

Held also said he was pleased with the way the show looks.

"It's a very pretty show. The costumes are nice, and the blocking turned out to be pretty nice," Held said. "As you watch people move through the set, it's much more like a dance than anything else."

Senior theatre major Sarah Jessica Rhodes, who plays Sorel Bliss in the show, said she is interested to see how students will react to the

play.
"It's British humor, so it's not meant to be physical comedy. They skim over everything that Americans would really emphasize and ham up," Rhodes said. "I hope the students really like it. It's really an older humor for an older crowd."

Rhodes said she was able to relate to her character with ease, but had some difficulty with her speech.

"She realizes the eccentricity of her family, and she decides she wants to be normal. Her struggle is to try to find normality in a world full of dramatic people," Rhodes said. "But it was tough because it's a British accent, and I'm from

Sophomore theatre major Jeff Springmann said this is first "major

show" at NSU. "He's kind of a stiff guy," Springmann said of his character, Richard Greatham. "He doesn't really let his emotions show. He just absorbs everything and watches what's going on."

"I've never played a character like this, ever. Usually I'm like the comic, crazy guy. So it was definitely a challenge. It was a good experience," Springmann said.

Hay Fever is Held's third play at NSU. Held said he is responsible for fundraising, creating an "artistic vision" for the department and delegating responsibilities for its faculty members.

"The artistic director is the person who is blamed for everything that goes wrong and who gives credit to everyone else for everything that goes right," Held said.

Rhodes said she has enjoyed working with Held on the show.

"He pushes you in a way that you don't know you're being pushed," Rhodes said.

Springmann said, "He gives you ideas, but it's really you in the end that comes up with everything. He allows you to grow more, and I've really learned a lot."

# SEQUELS

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lights from this chilling season. However, as Lionel draws Lex closer, Clark's father Jonathan fears that Lex will one day turn against

The seventh and final season of Buffy the Vampire Slayer begins with the mysterious murders of teenage girls all over the world and something trying hard to drive Spike mad. Buffy is training Dawn and soon becomes a student counselor at the newly rebuilt Sunnydale High. Willow is recovering from the magical addiction which almost led her to destroy the world, and



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Anya has returned to being a are the only words a true fan of The Vengeance demon.

Smallville and Buffy the Vampire Slayer, both complete seasons, are are also due out Nov. 16.

"Thank you for being a friend..."

Golden Girls can murmur. With the first season debuting on DVD on Nov. 23, nothing can stop Blanche, Dorothy, Rose and Sophia. The DVD contains the complete first

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season with 25 episodes, all revealing in the end how each friend came together to live in the house.

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# Demons beat Reddies

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Preseason Southland Conferance basketball favorite NSU hit of its first 15 shots after halftime bsorbs while cooling off hot-shooting what's hivision II power Henderson State and posting a 66-56 college basketaracter ball exhibition victory Sunday

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Byron Allen and Clifton Lee each scored 13 points for the nemons, who got 11 by Jermaine Wallace and 10 from Colby Barge-

The Reddies, aiming for their eventh straight NCAA Division II ournament appearance and ninth straight 20-win season, had a eame-high 18 points by Dedric Spooner and 16 from Tyrell High-

The Demons trailed 26-16 with two minutes to go in the first half out drew within 28-22 at the break, despite being outshot 65 percent to 32 percent from the field. Northy that western sank just 3 of 10 first-half being free throws.

NSU scored the first 10 points of the second half in the first 4:40 and never trailed again. The Demons sank 59 percent (16-27) of their second-half shots from the floor and made 9 of 11 free throws while limiting the Reddies to 39 percent shooting aim.

"We worked harder to get much better shots in the second half and we were able to use our pressure defense to increase the tempo of the game," said sixth-year Demons coach Mike McConathy. "We also were more productive on the offensive boards and got some second-chance baskets.'

Allen, Lee and Wallace all are juniors who are Preseason All-SLC selections. Bargeman is a 6-5 freshman from Lafayette-Northside who did his scoring in 12 minutes off the bench as one of nine reserves used by the Demons.

NSU, which avenged an 81-70 exhibition loss to Henderson State last season, opens the regular season Nov. 19 at Oklahoma State.



Cheryl Thompson / the CURRENT SAUCE Junior quard Tyronn Mitchell dribbles the ball down the court against Henderson State at Prather Coliseum.

# Volleyball loses to SFA

**Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

NSU gave first place Stephen F. Austin all it could handle, beating the Ladyjacks in the first game but unable to hold on as SFA rallied for a 3-1 win in Southland Conference volleyball action here Tuesday night by scores of 29-31, 30-23, 31-29 and 30-23.

The win was the 15th straight for the Ladyjacks as they improve to 23-5 overall and 15-3 in the

NSU, fighting for a spot in the postseason tournament, drops to 12-18 and 8-10 in league play. The lady Demons trail sixth place Nicholls State and Texas-San Antonio by one game with two remaining.

NSU true freshman Whitney

King led all attackers with 23 kills while hitting .333 for the match. SFA was led on offense by Laura Cramer's 21 kills. She also had 18 digs to complete the double-dou-

The Lady Demons jumped out to a 1-0 lead with a 31-29 win in game one but SFA scored a 30-23 win in the second game to tie the match at 1-1.

In the third game, NSU jumped out to an early lead and built a 26-21 advantage before the Ladyjacks rolled off seven straight points to take a 28-26 lead.

NSU forced the game into an extra serve but fell 31-29 to drop behind 2-1 in the match.

Flavia Belo flirted with a tripledouble for the Lady Demons by getting 30 assists, 13 digs and seven kills for the match. Shannon Puder added 15 kills and Janel kills.

Fisher 12. Ashley Hadley led the team with 18 digs.

The Lady Demons will return to action on Friday when they host Texas State at 7 in Prather Colise-

NSU 3, Lamar 2

NSU stayed in contention for the final spot in the Southland Conference Tournament, beating Lamar in five sets by scores of 20-30, 33-31, 19-30, 30-25 and 15-8 while snapping a five-match losing streak in volleyball action here Saturday night.

The win improves the Lady Demons to 12-17 overall and 8-9 in league play, just one game behind Texas-San Antonio and Nicholls State and tied with Sam Houston State for the final tournament

Whitney King led NSU with 19

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**Patrick** West The Way I See It

### **Pathetic Turnout**

sportseditorcs@yahoo.com

Disappointing. That is what I was thinking as I sat in the student section Saturday during the NSU and Texas State football

I looked left - empty seats. I looked right empty seats. I even looked across the field and behind me and I saw empty seats. Pathetic.

Even Demon head coach Scott Stoker said the low fan attendance was a pet peeve, and he hopes more people would attend the game this Saturday.

We field one of the best teams in Division I-AA and have the leading defense in all of I-AA, yet the Demons cannot get fans to come out and support them on a Saturday afternoon.

Yes, I know we have struggled on the road and had lost the last two games, but NSU is dominating at Turpin Stadium.

The Demons are 5-0 at home including wins against Appalachian State and McNeese State. The Demons have scored 40 or more points at home while allowing only one opponent, the Mountaineers, to score more than 30 points.

That is domination. Nobody is better at home than NSU. Well, the other NSU, the Colonels, are doing well at home also, beating the Demons and Stephen F. Austin.

For the five home games, the attendance has been steady until this weekend. The first home game there were 13,110 fans in attendance, and there were 10,282 fans for the second home game against ASU.

The third home game dropped attendance against Oklahoma Panhandle State with 7,324 people in attendance, while the most fans turned out for homecoming against McNeese St. with 14, 591 fans at Turpin Stadium.

The lowest fan attendance was this past weekend against Texas State with a meager 5, 720 fans showing up. More people attended the OPSU game than a serious must-win conference game for the Demons.

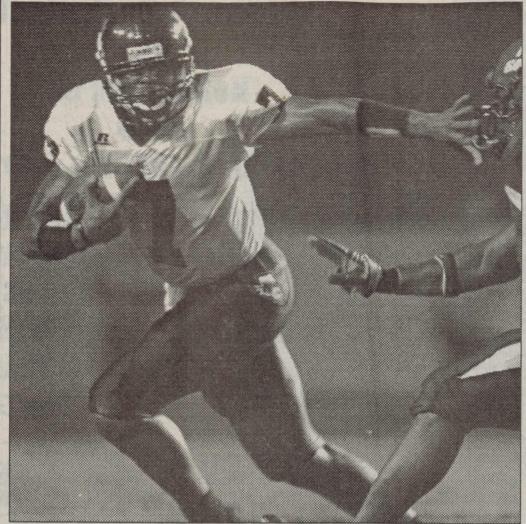
NSU needed to win this game, and they faced an unbeaten conference foe, but nobody was there to support them. Why? Because students go home every weekend for some odd reason or another.

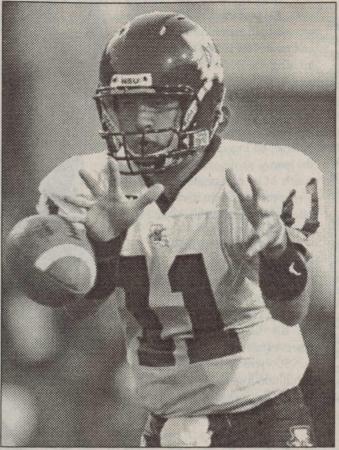
Students should want to tailgate and have fun, but no they rather go home to mommy and daddy. I bet if this were LSU the students would head out to tailgate and go to the

Also, Order of Omega did not help with their posters saying a pep rally would be held for Nov. 12 to pump the Demons up against Sam Houston

Way to go Order of Omega, you missed an important game before the Bearkats game. I saw that pep rally poster two weeks ago.

Demon fans come out this weekend, as NSU needs your support against the No. 3 SHSU. Remember, you never know what will happen.





Cheryl Thompson/the CURRENT SAUCE (Top) Redshirt freshman Connor Morel takes a snap during the Nicholls loss. (Left) Junior quarterback Davon Vinson tries to outrun a Ragin Cajun defender in the opening game of the season. Both

# athletes excel in the two-quarterback system.

# NSU's play-calling duo

Sauce Reporter

There has been a trend catching on quickly in college football over the past few years.

The trend has hit home even with the NSU Demon football team this year running our very own twoquarterback system.

The Demons have been led in the 2004 season by the quarterback tandem of junior Davon Vinson and red shirt freshman Connor Morel.

So far the pair of quarterbacks has had similar stats, with Vinson completing 58 of 109 passes for 801 yards and seven touchdowns.

yards on 57 of 104 passes passer.

By Justin Hebert and come up with four touchdowns.

The two quarterbacks, who say they are good friends, credit their relationship for some of the Demon's success so far this

"We're good friends," Morel said. "We root for each other. If one of us makes a good play the other one is on the sidelines clapping it up for him, saying good job."

"We've got a great relationship, on and off of the field, good relationship," Vinson said.

Vinson, who is bigger than Morel, brings more of a run threat to opposing defenses, which is a cause for a lot of Morel has thrown for 684 Morel is more of a pocket well," Morel said. "You have

"I believe I've got the who is playing better, and option to run or pass," said

While one of Davon's biggest assets comes from his athletic ability, some of Connor's best abilities come from more of a mental aspect of the game.

"I just keep everyone settled," Morel said. "I don't let them get too hyped about one play or too down about another. You have to work just as hard on the next play."

The pair agreed though, that is always good to have a backup plan in case if one them is not playing up to their ability.

"We have a good chance of excitement at times, while at least one of us playing hands," Vinson said more than one option to see "I'd love to take it."

whoever is, keep him in. I'm down for whatever helps the team win." The tough competition

over the quarterback position has helped the two men excel and caused them to get a little flustered. "It'll push you to play bet-

ter," Vinson said. "But sometimes you try to play too hard and make mistakes."

Even though Vinson and Morel both have plenty of respect for their counterpart's abilities, they both would like to have the ball at the end of the game to orchestrate the winning

"I want the ball in my

"I'll take it," Morel said.



# Demons face explosive offense

By Patrick West Sports Editor

An aerial show with a shootout and an explosion is almost promised in this Saturday's contest between No. 19 NSU Demons and the No. 3 Sam Houston State Bear-

"They have an explosive offense," Demon head coach Scott Stoker said. "I have seen a lot of good offense but not like Sam Houston's. They have three weapons and that is not counting the tight end."

The Demons are coming off a huge win against conference foe Texas State 44-7 and improving their chances for a conference champi-

NSU needs to win its last two games of the season to win the championship. The Demons' opponents, the Bearkats, are coming off a shoot out against McNeese State, which SHSU won 52-

The Bearkats roll into Turpin undefeated in conference play while the Demons are 2-1 in conference play.

The contest between SHSU and NSU will be explosive as the second ranked offense in Division I-AA takes on the No. 1 Purple Swarm defense.

The Bearkat offense is led by senior quarterback Texas A&M transfer Dustin Long who was named national Offensive Player of the Week after breaking an SLC record with 598 yards of total offense with six touchdowns against MSU.

Long finished the MSU game with 577 passing yards the ball is in the air, we need



Cheryl Thompson / the CURRENT SAUCE Demon junior running back Derrick Johnese runs through some Texas State defenders Saturday. Johnese finished the game with 152 yards rushing on 12 carries with one touchdown as NSU beat Texas State 44-7 at Turpin Stadium.

on 34 of 52 passes and led to compete for the football. SHSU to 655 yards of total

Long also leads the nation with 30 touchdown passes.

"I don't want to get in a shootout with them, that will not benefit us," Stoker said. For the Demons to win, the Purple Swarm will have

to pressure and hit Long for four quarters. That will be a tough task for the Purple Swarm as Long has been sacked only

nine times this season. "It is a great challenge for us defensively and a great challenge for our second-ary," Stoker said. "We need to bring pressure, and when

We can't let Dustin stand back there and give him time to throw the football."

The Purple Swarm leads Division I-AA in total defense allowing a meek 233 yards per game and first in rushing defense giving up 73

On the opposite side, the SHSU defense has given up 378 ypg and 142 rushing

"Their defense is tired and has been on the field too long this season," Stoker said. "It will be interesting to see what they do on defense. Nobody has stopped us all year on offense, we have been shooting ourselves in

Both offenses can move the chains as NSU is averaging 415 total yards of offense while SHSU is averaging 502 yards of total offense.

The Demons are better as a running team, chalking up 250 running yards with SHSU managing only 131 yards. SHSU, though, has the better passing team averaging 370 ypg while NSU is averaging 165 ypg.

NSU and SHSU are the top

teams in the conference as each leads the SLC in nine statistical categories among 28 compiled by the league.

The Demons and Bearkats are 1-2 in scoring defense, rushing defense and total offense. Each NSU and SHSU, rank in the top two of 22 of the 28 SLC stats.

The battle for conference supremacy takes place at 4 p.m. Saturday at Turpin Sta-The Bearkats can clinch a

share of the SLC title with a win, while NSU can keep its championship hopes alive with a win.

"The kids need to be focused for 60 minutes on both sides of the football for us to win this game," Stoker

**NSU 44, TSU 7** 

Courtesy **Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

NSU scored the first six times it touched the ball Saturday and got 152 yards rushing and a touchdown from Derrick Johnese along with 206 yards passing by Davon

Vinson, including two TD passes to Derrick Doyle, in a 44-7 rout that knocked visiting Texas State out of a share of first in the Southland Conference football race.

The Demons (6-3 overall, 2-1 in the SLC), ranked 22nd nationally in Division I-AA, led 38-7 at halftime.

NSU outgained Texas State 566-169 and cruised to its first win in three games while going to 5-0 at Turpin Stadium this season with a 51point homefield scoring aver-

The Bobcats (4-5, 2-1) picked up nearly half of their total yards in their lone scoring drive, a 6-play, 80-yard march capped by a 15-yard Chase Wasson pass to John Tyson 31 seconds into the second quarter.

Otherwise, the Demons were dominant, something that did not come as a complete surprise to NSU coach Scott Stoker, despite entering the game after two consecutive losses on the road while making nine turnovers and creating only one in that span. NSU forced three turnovers and suffered only one Satur-

"We had, by far, our best practice week of the season. I could tell these players understood what was at stake, having a shot to win the conference championship, by the way they approached this game," said Stoker. "We can be a pretty good team when we play like we did today. Texas State was in the wrong place at the wrong time and to be fair, they didn't have their best day."

#### This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

BASKETBALL '

#### **Lady Demons** set to face **Lady Reddies**

Defending Southland Conference women's bas ketball champion NSU, led by senior All-SLC standouts Amanda Bennett and Diamond Cosby, plays host to Division II power Hender. son State Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in an exhibition game at Prather Coliseum.

Admission is free as the Firs Lady Demons, 24-7 last season, make their unofficial debut under new head coach Jennifer Graf.

NSU will tip off the regu. lar season at home next Friday night, Nov. 19, with a matchup against another NCAA Tournament team CAMPUS from last season, Southern Sabir coached by former Lady Demon Sandy Pugh.

Henderson State returns he phys all five starters from a team that reached the NCA Division II Final Four last repairs w season. The Lady Reddies were ranked No. 4 in the Division II preseason Top 2

#### Soccer's controversial fyou have not the tourney exit

A controversial game tying goal by Texas State led Sprin to the ejection of NSU head Registra coach Jimmy Mitchell and to the game-winning goal with 49 seconds remaining Current as the Bobcats came from th 30 or behind to defeat the ww2.nst Demons 3-2 in the semificurrently nals of the Southland Conth less t ference Soccer Tournamentpartme here Friday afternoon.

NSU (11-11) led 2-1 with all incon less than nine minutes to the less than nine minutes to the less than the less play in the game wherent orien Texas State's Angela Criss tied the game with a for more apparent hand ball goaldmission from inside the box withww.nsula

8:24 to play in the contest. This drew Mitchell off the bench to argue the call the eventually led to his ejecthoru tion. Mitchell has filed The NSU protest of the goal.

poncert to With the scored tied 2-2 free and Texas State's Jaynee Sher man scored the game win The cond ner with just 49 seconds lefepertoire on the clock as the Bobcat songs (12-9) advance to Sunday eces. championship game.

After a scoreless first half omen's ( Julie Zavala gave the Demons a 1-0 lead on a unassisted goal in the 47th minute. Texas State tied the game at 1-1 one minute late eters on a netter by Danielle Hol SAN JOS

Zavala gave NSU a 2-15 Scott I lead with her second goal of the game in the 67th minute. Texas State outsho The firs the Demons 21-13 for thourder of game, including a 12-hat will I advantage in shots on goal hase, du

#### Demons sign Scott Pe Marksville forward firming i

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Porterie, a 6-5 1/2, 220 eek. The pound forward, signed sses all with the Demons Wednes day morning on the fir day of the national early signing period for basket ball and spring sports.

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#### State les Spring registration in progress

SU head Registration for the spring 2005 semester at NSU is under-

maining Currently enrolled students, re-entry and transfer students ith 30 or more credit hours can register on the Internet at ww2.nsula.edu through Dec. 17.

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ee Sher me win The concert will include traditional pieces from the classical onds leitpertoire plus arrangements of show tunes, traditional west-Bobcat songs and new arrangements of hymns and religious

The Men's Chorus is conducted by Michael Rorex. The first halfomen's Chorus is conducted by Terrie Sanders.

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#### nute late eterson convicted in death of wife

elle Hol SAN JOSE, Calif. - A Redwood City, Calif., jury convict-U a 2. Scott Peterson of first-degree murder in the death of d goal of the death of their unborn son.

outsho The first-degree charge, coupled with the second for thourder charge, means Peterson could be executed. a 12-hat will be determined by the jury following a penalty on goal hase, during which attorneys for both sides will argue hether the Modesto man should be put to death or pend the rest of his life in prison.

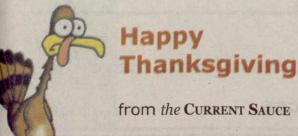
Scott Peterson looked straight ahead as the verdict as read. As the jurors were being polled, each one Irming the verdict, Peterson looked at them, but one appeared to acknowledge the 32-year-old former tilizer salesman.

Porterie Judge Alfred Delucchi dismissed the jurors for one gers poste

r-seas<sup>0]</sup> You can go home now," Delucchi told the jurors, who story land been sequestered since deliberations began Nov. 3. the firshis part of the trial is over," Delucchi told the jurors.

e men Jurors will be asked to return on Nov. 22 to begin a halty phase Delucchi expects to last less than one /2, 220 eek. The jurors, lawyers, family members and witsigned sses all continue to be subject to a gag order.

**Courtesy of KRT Campus** 



# New camera system in works

S.T.A.T. budget for 24hour surveillance

> By Elizabeth Bolt Sauce Reporter

The Student Technology Advisory Team has approved a \$95,000 budget to put up a

cameras around NSU's campus, but it must be approved by the University in order to be put into effect.

SGA President and S.T.A.T. chair Mindy McConnell said the money is coming from the student technology fees paid by students each semester. The budget this year was about \$1.4 million.

She said the idea for securi-

Funds allotted from new system of surveillance ty cameras had always been the cameras. present, but SGA members were told the cameras could not be put up because it would make the University liable for everything recorded by the cameras.

The six SGA members of S.T.A.T. meet once a month with the sole purpose of spending student technology fees, and they began questioning administrators about

Anthony Scheffler, vice president of academic affairs, said the cameras were a great idea as long as a group was put together to lay out all necessary plans and research before anything is purchased.

He said scalability and inner operability are important for the system because they help save money and are

"If it's going to work and benefit the University, then by all means do it," Scheffler

The Campus Safety Committee has been meeting once a week to work on the proposal. The committee is headed by chairman Matt Burroughs and eight other stu-

Burroughs said they are ■ See Cameras, page 3

# Boozman dorm passes inspection

By Savanna Mahaffey made.

Despite recent rumors about the foundation shifting at Boozman Hall, Vice President of University Affairs John Dilworth said the foundation passed inspection.

Boozman Hall is the designated residence hall for Scholars' College students. The three-story building has an occupancy of 180, and it is a co-ed dormitory.

"Issues at Boozman were brought to my attention, and we just happened to have an engineer on campus working on a separate job," Dilworth said. "He checked out the foundation of Boozman and said that it is in fine shape."

The rumors of the cracking foundation were started in part by the draping of yellow lobby.

Dilworth and the director of the physical plant, Chris Sampite, said the yellow caution tape is in place because glass windowpanes in the first floor lobby are leaning.

The east side of the building has been braced to keep everything in place and prevent further damages until permanent repairs can be

"The instructional engineer came in, and some doors and windows need to be adjusted because they are leaning," Sampite said. "A contractor is coming in to fix that in the near future.

Sampite said they could not find any structural dam-

There are no cracks in the bricks, and that's usually the first thing you would see," he

Boozman Hall also underwent asbestos inspection during the summer.

"Some floor tiles were removed, and we were just checking it out and cleaning it up as a University mainteimprovement," nance

Sampite said. Another rumor was circulating that Boozman Hall will caution tape on the east side be closed and turned into a of Boozman Hall's first floor parking lot when the new residence hall near the Teacher Education Center is

> completed. Sampite said that nothing has been decided, and there

> are no plans to do this. "We have a University master plan that involves bringing all the buildings up to code and giving students what they want in their col-

> > See Boozman, page 3

### Photography contest showcases student talent and skill

Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE

Monkey business

NSU student photographers were in the spotlight this week

The NSU Photography Club sponsored its first photography contest, and the awards ceremony was held Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Entrants were allowed to submit one or multiple photographs to the contest in any size necessary. Photographs were required to be matted and ready to hang. The group of prints was turned into a showcase at Scrapbook Heaven and Coffee Creations on Front Street.

Photos were judged on artistic and technical merit and composition by a panel of local artists and photographers, who made collective decisions on first, second and third place winners.

Cass Whaley, a junior window.

By EmmaLee Jordan Scholars' College student, Sauce Reporter won the contest for her photograph, "Untitled." It was an 8x10 black and white photo of a man sitting on a single twinsize mattress in a small, almost barren room picking at an electric guitar. In the back corner of the room, a small table holds an empty bottle of alcohol and drug

Mr. Adam Monk, a 32-year-old Cinnamon Ringtail Monkey, delighted students Wednesday during

the Student Activities Board sponsored "SABari" in Friedman Student Union. The monkey, along

For the full story and many more photos, see Life, page 5

with other exotic animals, were brought to Natchitoches by Animal Rentals in Chicago.

supplies. Candice Pauley, a senior journalism major, who helped plan the contest, received second place for her photograph titled "Bourbon Street at 4 a.m." It was a blurred 8x10 color print of the lights on Orleans

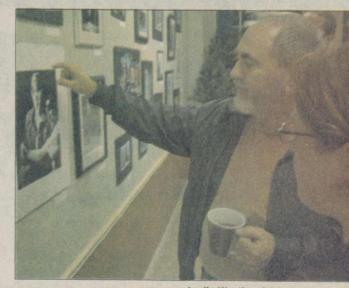
Shay Kuhn, a senior in the art department, was the third place winner for her photograph, "Time for Dad to Come Home." It was a black

Whaley won \$75 for first place, Pauley received \$50 for second and Kuhn won \$25 for third. Prizes were donated to the Photography Club by the Natchitoches Art Guild.

Three honorable mention awards were given out at the ceremony. Whaley received one for a color 8x10 print of a brunette in a green sweater with her right hand raised to her lip, sitting at a table over a coffee cup and saucer. The image was called "The Last Time I Saw Her."

Blake Bennett, a junior Scholars' College student, received the same award for Bourbon Street in New his 8x10 color print titled "CDs." It captured the light reflecting different colors off the back of several CDs on a dark background.

Pauley also received an honorable mention for her and white 8x10 image of two 11x14 black and white print toddlers staring out a large called "Love International." It she was happy about the



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce Mark Bills critiques Candice Pauley's photo "International Love" at the photography contest held Tuesday night. Bills, a judge in the contest, offers Pauley, a senior journalism major, photography tips.

a woman, and they are not looking at the camera.

Eleven photographers submitted 23 prints. Pauley said

is an image of a man holding turnout of entrants and

"It's not a very big show, but we didn't expect our first show to be, so I was really pleased," Pauley said.

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Sketch by Connor Fashionable Focus The Way I See It

#### 'High caliber' of high school students attracted to NSU by Fall Senior Day

By Shelly Roberts Sauce Reporter

Hundreds of high school seniors from Louisiana and Texas came to NSU Saturday for Fall Senior Day.

Senior Day gives high school seniors a chance to visit the campus, meet faculty members and watch a home football game.

"We had a great group of high school seniors who seemed genuinely interested in our university," said university recruiter Ellen Dutsch.

The high school seniors were offered a chance to ask questions to NSU students who were on a student panel. Some of the questions included: "What time do we have to be in the dorms at night?", "Where are all the good parties?", and "How was the transition from high school to college?"

Things went smoothly at Senior Day despite the fact that the number of students in attendance was slightly lower than previous

Linda Walker, office manager of university recruiting, said the decrease in numbers was not a bad thing.

"We're absolutely not disappointed in the numbers even though they were lower than last year," she said. "This year we had high-caliber students attend."

The recruiting staff also received many applications for admittance, scholarships and student housing.

"We are very excited about the new housing complex that is going to be built next year," said Sandy David, secretary of university recruiting. "We received 17 housing cards this year compared to the three we received last year."

# New faculty evaluation system planned

News Editor

The faculty senate has been asked by the University to begin forming a new faculty evaluation process. After attending a conference about faculty evaluations, Provost Anthony Scheffler and head of the faculty senate, Ben Rushing, agreed to form an evaluation program that measures the faculty's performance in specific fields of study.

Scheffler said the present evaluation process does not provide accommodations to measure faculty performance in separate disciplines. He said teaching, research and university involvement have to be measured when evaluating faculty. Each of these rise and fall in value depending on the field of study. The faculty is not limited to the work they do in these areas for

By Kyle A. Carter evaluation, though, he said.

"Traditionally, most good programs evaluate those three, but it does not mean that is all there is to it," Scheffler said.

Scheffler also said the University wants faculty members to be involved in the whole process of defining and setting up the criteria for the new program.

Scheffler said this will help inform faculty about what they should do to better their departments. Faculty members also know what is important for their fields of study, he said.

The faculty is the heart of the University and the better they are, the better the University is," Schef-

Rushing, also an associate professor of mathematics, said the last evaluation system had little or no input from faculty. This one, on the other hand, places faculty as the

driving force behind how faculty members are evaluated, he said.

Rushing said Scheffler told him that a more comprehensive evaluation system is needed so that faculty can be evaluated on a specific field of study. He said comparing across disciplines is difficult to measure and evaluate in the same

He also said that in some fields of study, writing papers is not as important as it is in others. However, in some fields, being able to write grants is more important.

"What we talked about is how to make a system that is broad and that recognizes differences in disciplines," Rushing said.

The new evaluation process is only in the planning process. Rushing said to start the process, a recap of the conference was given to the department heads so they can decide what criteria is important for their disciplines. Next, the faculty senate will search for mem bers of the faculty at large who are interested in developing evalua tions. Rushing said these facult members will be the driving force behind the development of the new evaluation system.

After that, they will go to students, other faculty, administraton and outside sources for ideas on what faculty should be doing and teaching. Finally, they will make the evaluation questionnaire bases on the information gained through this research.

Scheffler said he would like to see a clearly defined process by the end of the spring with a testable evaluation system for fall 2005 Rushing, on the other hand, said that a year and a half will be need ed to plan the program with testable evaluation system read

# Theatre grants to improve lighting, programs

Sauce Reporter

The theatre department at NSU is the recipient of two grants this semester to help provide stage lighting and new programs for students in the department.

Theatre department head Roger Held said the two local grants are the Board of Regents Enhancement Grant and the Louisiana Division of the Arts (LADA) grant.

"We are glad to have these two grants to enhance our program for students," Held said.

By Tasha Braggs Regents Enhancement Grant would be used for the replacement of the lighting systems in A.A. Fredericks auditorium and Theatre West. In order for the department to receive the grant, the University is required to match it by at least half the amount given by the

> Held said the lighting system is usually replaced every 25 years. He also said that the Board of Regents evaluates the department every three years and will be eligible again for the grant in 2007.

"We try to stay close to the state-Held said the \$116,000 Board of of-the-art lighting," Held said.

"With this type of lighting, we are able to show our students what it is like in the real world.

Held said in order to receive the grant, an application has to be filled out, and a proposal must be written. The paperwork is reviewed by the peer reviewers, who are individuals from other states who review the applications and grade on a scale.

Held said the department was rated in the top five on the scale, which is a requirement to receive

Held said the requirements for the LADA grant includes a panel that evaluates the application and selects who will receive it.

The LADA grant has been used to bring artists to NSU such a Mary Sue Price, who did a work shop in September and Mike Yionulis, who held a workshop is

The LADA grant is for \$4,460 and the department is required to match the grant with \$2,500, which will equal approximately \$7,500.

Held said he is very appreciative of the grants and is looking for ward to improving the department for the students.

The photo contest was open to all interested NSU students and was sponsored by the NSU Photogra-

There was a \$3 entry fee for each photo submitted, and the prints are for sale now at Scrapbook Heaven and Coffee Creations. The show will run until Sunday.

Pauley said she would like the contest to become an annual event, and the club will try to make it happen each fall semester.

Amanda Sullivan owns Scrapbook Heaven and Coffee Creations, along with Susan Bamburg. They allowed the Photography Club to use their shop for the show and the awards ceremony free of charge.

Sullivan said that if the contest becomes an annual event, they would like to continue sponsoring the club.

"It's a good way to give back," Sullivan said. "It's a good place for you all to come. We've been very busy today and yesterday, and everyone who has come in has definitely been attracted to that wall."

Sullivan said that if the contest

grows, she would like to add more tables and chairs to the coffee area of the store.

"But for now, it's the perfect size," she said.

She added that archiving photographs is important, and scrapbooking is a great way for everyone to keep memories together in a fun and organized way.

The NSU Photography Clu meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in Room 205 of the Creative and Performing Arts building. The club is open to all students

and Pauley urges anyone who interested to join.

"We wanted a group to ge together and talk about our photo graphs," Pauley said. anyone who's interested in learn ing more."

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policies and procedures. No official plans have been laid out because the proposal must be approved by the student senate and the administration the week after Thanksgiving. must have all signatures needed from the administration by Dec. 3.

Scheffler, approving agent for the proposal, looks over it and makes his recommendation to University President Randall Webb.

Burroughs said there will be two phases for setting up the cameras, with a third one pending.

During phase one, no cameras will be added. Instead, the 32 cameras already on campus will be connected under one

Suggestions from outside security companies on how to better integrate the systems have

been taken into consider-

Burroughs said five to 10 new cameras will be added during phase two to areas with the most traffic, such as the CAPA building, Kyser Hall, and certain dormitories.

Jennifer Long, coordinator for student technology, said money has been set aside in the budget for the cameras. She said once the policies procedures have been written, there will be a follow-through with purchasing.

Long said various departments on campus such as telecommunica- and it will be utilized."

tions, the physical plant, the campus police and housing will all be involved in deciding on the best system for the

"If it's going to work and benefit the

University, then by all means do it."

cameras. The three camera systems already on campus will be looked at in order to decide the best way to

put them together. They will then talk to different vendors about equipment and look for the company that can combine all of those systems into one for the best

"I think it's a great idea the students have," Long said. "I think it's needed,

McConnell said the cameras will ensure that NSU property is not damaged but will not make the University liable for personal loss or

**Anthony Scheffler** 

Vice president of academic affairs

The cameras must be monitored by a trained official. Scheffler said the University budget does not allow for any more personnel to be hired right now.

"We'd love to hire someone for the job, but we just can't," he said.

The cameras will not be continually monitored, but they will always be running and

### BOOZMAN FROM PAGE 1

lege experience," Sampite said. He said that Boozman Hall has its advantages and disadvantages, which is why the University is considering its renovation or demoli-

"Boozman is older, but it does have its benefits," Sampite said. "It does not have an elevator, and the style of it is older. We know that students today want a newer style. However, students enjoy the advantages of the suite-style build-

Director of Student Services Frances Conine said if Boozman would be torn down in the future, another residence hall would be designated for Scholars' College students.

"Even though nothing is on the drawing board right now, residential life and housing feel that Scholars' students having their own residence hall is important to their learning environment," Conine

Scholars' College students also agree that it is important to have their own dorm because it allows easily accessible study partners



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE

Makeshift clamps and braces are currently in place to keep window frames from leaning until repairs can be made.

and academic advice, a sense of community and quiet hours. Plus, they feel it is conveniently located near Morrison Hall.

"A designated honors dorm is important because it fosters a sense of community among Scholars'

College students," said Lindsey Gordon, a Scholars' College Senior. "If our dorm was far from Morrison, that would give me a reason to move off campus. I basically live in the dorm because of its conven-

#### **NSU Police Blotter**

11-8-04

9:03 p.m. A student called to report a suspicious person walking into Turpin Stadium. Officers found

11-9-04

A vehicle was burglarized in

the Rapides parking lot.

There was a wreck in one of the faculty-staff parking lots.

6:34 p.m. A man called to report some

stolen books. 7:36 p.m.

A Columns resident called to report a group of men shooting paint balls and golf balls at horses in the field.

> 11-10-04 1:38 p.m.

A resident of Rapides called and requested that an officer escort him to his car because a resident he was having trouble with was standing at the front

ousing office for

complete details regarding this offer.

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3:52 p.m.

There was a wreck in front of the biology building.

9:57 p.m.

A call was received about a resident of Sabine who was being harassed by her neigh-

10:25 p.m.

An officer gave a warning to five men who were goofing off and riding on top of vehicles.

10:08 a.m.

An ambulance was called for a medical emergency.

7:00 p.m.

An officer was requested at Iberville because a student was trying to "double up" on his take out food. The assistant manager did not want to file a report; he just wanted officers to be aware that the student was attempting to steal food. 11:27 p.m.

An ambulance was called to Dodd Hall for two medical

emergencies. One resident fell and hit her head; the other was bitten by a spider. Neither was transported to the hospital.

11-13-04 10:40 p.m.

A teacher from the Louisiana School called because non-students were causing problems at

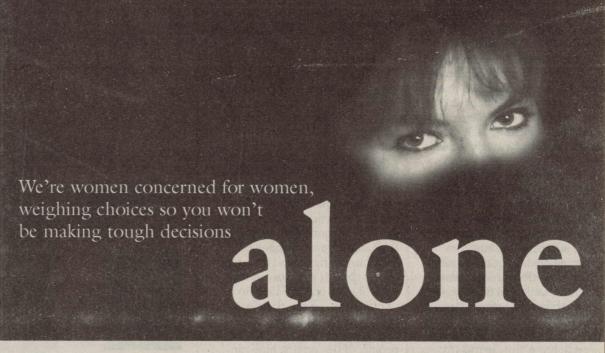
1:47 p.m.

An ambulance was called to Dodd Hall for a resident with a spider bite.

11:10 a.m.

Someone from the Natchitoches Police Department called about a medical emergency at the Columns. An ambulance and employees from the fire department were already on the way.

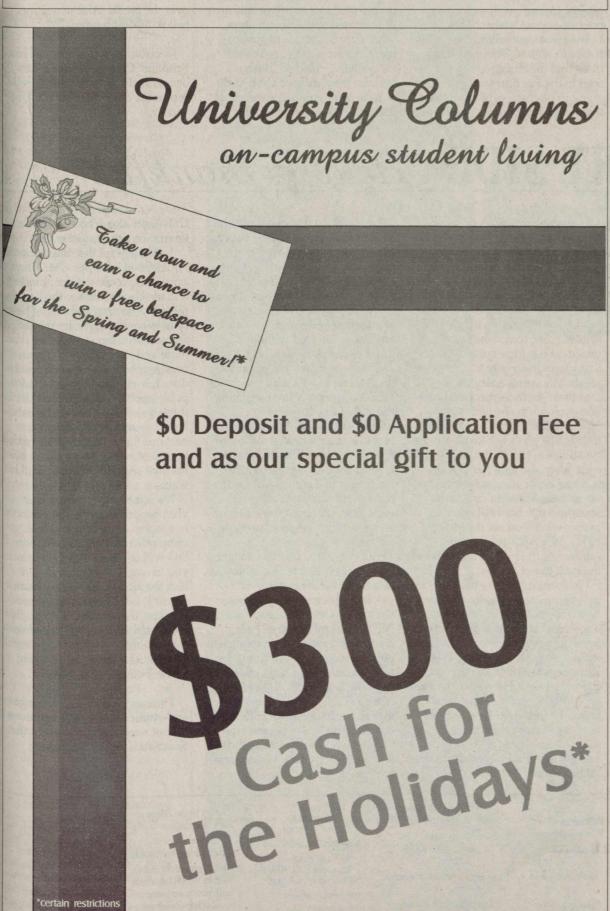
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### **Humanity during war**



By Justin Shatwell

If you have watched the news lately, I'm sure you have heard the story of the Marine who shot and killed an unarmed Iraqi militant in a mosque in Falluja. Though the facts are still a little confused, it appears the militant was among five men who had been wounded during a raid on the mosque the day before. The soldiers left them there for another unit to pick up and bring out of the city for treatment and detainment. For some reason, that unit never arrived and the wounded men were left there overnight. Another unit of Marines arrived sometime the next day and found the wounded men. A Marine noticed that one of the men was still breathing and shouted that he was pretending to be dead. He then shot the man and remarked, "Well, he's dead

There is currently a criminal probe into the event, and the soldier involved will likely face disciplinary action. However, I was appalled to read today that a large number of Marines are claiming he did nothing wrong. They argue that he was stressed from the battle and the wound he suffered the day before. They claim extenuating circumstances because the insurgents had not been fighting "by the rules." Some even said they would have done the same thing. Sergeant Nicholas Graham said, "I would have shot the insurgent too. Two shots to the head . . . You can't trust these people. He should not be investigated. He did nothing

Of course he did something wrong. Aside from the multitude of international laws he broke, he has no moral leg to stand on. You can argue extenuating circumstances all day long, but the fact of the matter is that the Marine in question killed a wounded and unarmed man. What threat did he pose? If he was wired to

make matters worse. If the Marine thought he was going to leap up and attack him, he still could have kept him in his sights and had his comrades detain him. That Marine executed that Iraqi. He held his life in his hand, and he crushed it not because he had to, but because he chose to.

The comments of those who are defending the Marine's actions make me concerned about the mindset of the average American soldier. How can they think he did nothing wrong? We are the United States of America. We have long striven to be a "city on the hill," an example to the rest of the world of what civilized democracy can achieve. We are supposed to hold ourselves to a very high standard. Just because our enemy isn't playing fair, we do not lower ourselves to their

We are supposed to be fighting a war of liberation, not annihilation. If we are ever to win "the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people," our soldiers must treat all Iraqis, even their enemies, as human beings. Most of the insurgents in Iraq are Iraqis, and I am certain this fact is not forgotten by Iraqi citizens. Even if most of the Iraqi people disagree with the beliefs and actions of the insurgents, they cannot like seeing their countrymen stripped of their human rights and executed on the spot. If we allow infractions like the one in Falluja to go unpunished, we run the risk of appearing just as barbarous as the insurgents in the eyes of the Iraqi people. If this occurs, how can we convince them to trust us or the democratic government we have helped create there?

Vietnam taught us that even though you are killing more of them than they are of you, it doesn't mean you are winning. Unless we send a clear message of our beliefs to both the Iraqi people and our own troops by punishing that Marine for his actions, we will bring ourselves one step closer to defeat.

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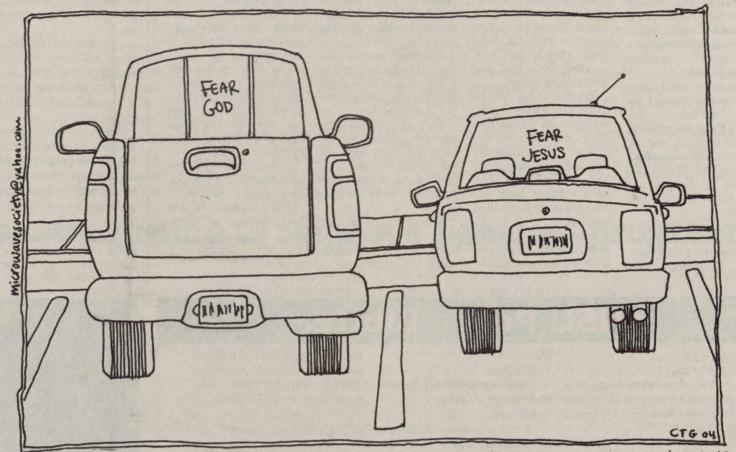
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# The new law



By J. Aaron "Q" Brown

Bush has appointed a man named Alberto Gonzales to the position of Attorney General, head of the Justice Department. This is the man who wrote the legal defense for keeping prisoners in Guantanamo Bay without access to lawyers or, indeed, access to the outside world at all. His extension of American sovereignty to Iraq allowed us to weasel out of the Geneva Convention and ultimately justified the torture at Abu Ghraib. This man provided the legal framework that has allowed the US to flout the laws he himself

will be obligated to enforce. This, boys and girls, is scary.

It's even scarier when one considers that he may well have been chosen so that the Bush administration can groom him for a seat on the Supreme Court. Though the first seat will almost certainly go to a far-right puppet of the regime, Gonzales has proven himself adept at the misrepresentation and legal contortionism the Bush team loves so much. This, in combination with the appointment of Condoleeza Rice (another facilitator of this administration's lies) to replace Colin Powell as Secretary of State, is absolutely chilling.

These are very telling moves by the Bush regime. This is a statement that the changes we have seen in the last four years are not going to be changes of administrative policy but changes of governmental policy. The President is surrounding himself with advisors who will do what he tells them rather than advising him. He is creating a buffer against criticism and dissent, not a connection to

fresh ideas and public opinion.

To Mr. Hargis: Kindly tell us which Republican source you use for your statistics and exactly how one goes about calculating that 49 percent of the media supported Kerry and 51 percent supported Bush. Though I can't say I consider voting for Bush a particularly intelligent act in light of the facts, I understand that many people are ill-informed or vote by matters other than the issues of government. One person I spoke with, for instance, voted for Bush

because they are both from Texas. Your demographics concerning middle-class church-attending

families reflect your own biases, and, indeed, those of the average middle-class church-attending family. Your failure to see Kerry's class and brains before the election was just that: your failure. As so many have, you identified with Bush's Midwestern manner and his speeches about "faith" more than you thought about Kerry's points on foreign and fiscal policy. I fear that the next four years will teach even you to be more perceptive in choosing for whom you

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#### THE RIGHT SIDE Heavily thankful



By T. Hargis

Between Veterans Day and the Thanksgiving holidays we all have time to reflect on our nation and our very lives as Christmas approaches. What do we truly mean when we say we are thankful? Are you thankful that it wasn't you being shot at this week in Fallujah or Mosul or are you thankful that someone else was being shot at? Are you thankful for the right to read this column or the one above it? If you look closely you can see blood on your fingers from the dying soldier that brought this freedom to you. Maybe it wasn't yesterday; maybe it was 50 years ago or perhaps over 200 years ago. To me, it frankly doesn't matter. I guess I should think about what I am thankful for.

I'm thankful first for my wife. Yeah, she is my wife, but she understands something the Filler column could never grasp. She wakes up every day at 0515 that's 5:15 a.m. civilian time - to run 2-4 miles to keep in shape. She has willfully volunteered to be a number. Her life is not her own

and whatever mission she is on carries with it more weight than her concern for family, husband or daughter. She has yet to spend Easter at home since we have been married because there were things that needed to be done to keep the mission of this nation moving. She salutes a flag that stands not for a president but for a union of states that places its lovalty to a set of ideals. She wears a flag on her arm that flies in the proper direction even when she endures orders that she would rather not follow. She gives her loyalty to the constitution, not a man, and swore by it when she took her enlistment to be an active duty soldier and not to a man or women whose ideas and policies really don't matter when you are defending rights. When she salutes, she salutes not the man in uniform but the rank that it carries. I'm thankful for my brother. He

gets to see enemy Korean soldiers on a daily basis now without having contact with his family back home in months. He has chemical drills every other morning at 0400 and sleeps well within range of enemy artillery. He doesn't whine about the action but complains about the lack of it. He is trained to be a just in case soldier. He is a soldier I am thankful we are not using. Thankful he is ready, thankful he is bored.

I'm thankful that every morning and every evening when I pass headquarters on my way home I have to stop my car and get out when "Taps" begins to play. I'm thankful that at 1700 every day there are people that salute, stand at attention and stand firm while our flag is lowered without disgrace. Soldiers ensure that no part of the flag touches the ground and that no one moves until the artillery cannon is fired signaling the end of the duty day.

They are thankful for every airborne, Ranger, enlisted, officer or Special Forces soldier that gave their life not for a president, not for people in congress but for the right to run for those offices, the right to speak about those offices, and the right to even have those

The Filler only showed its ignorance last week, but also a blatant disrespect for everyone in the service of your country. It chose not to bring an intelligent voice to NSU by submitting that poorly constructed picture to symbolize a point that could have been made far more effective using other symbols. I, along with thousand of other soldiers on Veterans Day, was not only personally offended but awestruck, as a person who "claims" to be a Louisiana "Scholars" College student, would represent not only the college but the

University as a whole in such a ignorant matter is just sad.

I am thankful that the author is not in the service because I don't know if he could get past himself and his "issues" to see the larger picture of society and that of history in general. Maybe he should attend our judicial processes class more and learn about our countries' symbols and procedures. He does have the right to submit for publication anything he sees fit. I think it shows a poor understanding of your own country to connect our flag with the office of the president when the president has his own seal. But in the end all he wants is attention.

The left has to have it to survive, especially now. The minority has to scream louder and look more ridiculous to get attention. So I will continue like the rest of you to read his article and give him the attention because at some points it is humorous. Last week was just sad. Another soldier died today and will not be draped with the seal of the president. His coffin will don our flag, always flying home, in the proper direction.

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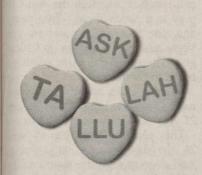
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#### Survival 1010: Meeting the **Parents**

#### Dear Readers,

As we get closer to the holiday season, the inevitable will undoubtedly occur. Whoever you are dating is bound to request your attendance at some family function that will require you to meet the parents. Though you may have successfully avoided the meeting for months by bemoaning your need to study and work, the excuses disappear come holiday

So let us assume that you, like most people, have found no polite way to wriggle out of your boy/girlfriend's invitation. You are well and truly stuck, and even now you are begrudgingly planning the trip to your loved one's house. Never fear, dear reader, I am here to help you at least avoid a Ben Stilleresque experience. I am really just going to talk about one simple rule that should be followed: use your common sense.

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Common sense should tell you that not every family is going to be exactly like yours. For instance, just because your family thinks that people who skip church are heathens does not mean that the family you are visiting thinks the same way. The last time they may have stepped inside of a church was for a funeral. In other words, you might just do best avoiding topics that could be inflammatory like religion and politics. Difterent families, different customs – you get the idea.

Also, use your common sense when it comes to your mannerisms and speech habits. Remember that cursing may not be considered polite by the family you are meeting. Burping, farting, etc. in public should also be taken into consideration. Not everyone considers it a compliment to the chef when you let one out at the end of the meal.

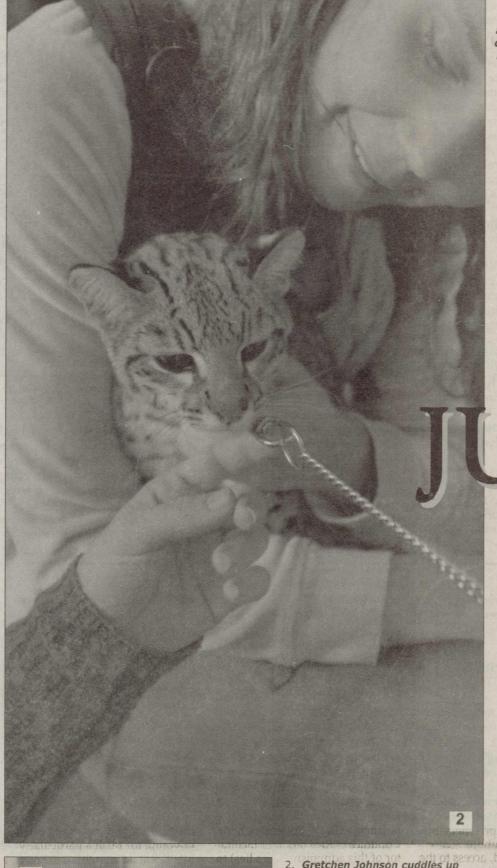
You are trying to make an impression on these people, right? So, you do not want to make the parents wonder what in the world their child was thinking by hooking up with such a moron. And try to keep the making out in front of the parents to a minimum, if any at all. No one likes to see their little boy or girl get felt up right in front of their eyes.

For any other massive mishap that occurs, just go with it. Be honest, polite and contrite if you mess up or offend anybody. A sincere apology can usually go a long way when you are a guest at someone else's house. Also, ask ahead of time about the family you are going to see so you can get a good idea of what to expect and what they consider proper behavior.

In the end, if your conscience Is saying not to do something, try to follow it for once. Other-Wise, be your usual charming self, and hopefully the folks will see the wonderful you that has their son or daughter so infatu-

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Disclaimer: While this is an advice column, recognize that I am fallible. I am not a professional psychologist or psychiatrist, and I base my advice solely on my own personal experience and research that I have done. \* Have any questions about life, love, or sex? Or hate her advice? Tell Tallulah and send her an e-mail at currentsauce@nsula.edu.



2. Gretchen Johnson cuddles up with a Bolivian Geoffroy Cat. The cat is full-grown and slightly smaller than an average house cat and weighs only two pounds. (Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE)

Senior Christopher Less hangs out with Ruby, an African Gray parrot. (Leslie Westbrook/ the CURRENT SAUCE)



4. Sophomore Eric Evans was one of only a few students willing to hold one of the two hissing cockroaches. (Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce)

5. Roxanne Peltier makes friends with a hedgehog. (Leslie Westbrook/ the CURRENT SAUCE

6. Mirage, a Fennec fox native to the northern Sahara desert, kept a low profile during the SABari. (Chris Reich/the CURRENT SAUCE)

7. Local school children get a fright from Casper, a seven-foot-long albino Burmese python. (Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE)

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1. Mark Szafran, an animal handler for Animal Rentals in Chicago, holds a three-footlong North American alligator. (Chris Reich, the CURRENT

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

> SAB brings out NSU's 'wild' side

> > By Claire Mayeux Sauce Reporter

More than the typical noises of college students were heard in the Student Union on Wednesday when SAB hosted its "SABari" event.

SAB representatives-at-large worked hard to bring wild animals to campus. Students visited cuddly and creepy animals and insets while munching on pizza, popcorn and

Representative-at-Large Mandy Ward said that she was very pleased with the turnout. "We had hoped for large zoo animals, but the smaller, cuddly ones worked out great. Students were excited and stayed a long time, not only for the food but also for the event itself," Ward said.

What student wouldn't have fun holding a large, yellow python, a furry tarantula, a gray chinchilla, or a taking a picture with a monkey licking on a lollipop?

Jamie Sandifer, a junior history major said that this was the best SAB event that she has been to during her career

"I think that this is awesome. I loved being able to interact with the animals. This tops all of the events so far. I hope they do this again next year." Sandifer said.

There are hopes for repeating this event next year but perhaps with more of a carnival theme. SAB president Lisa Mayeux said she was thrilled that the students had so

"This event brought a diverse crowd who really seemed to enjoy themselves. We are always striving to have all students at NSU interact whenever possible," Mayeux said.



Fashionable FOCUS Ragnel Hill

#### The Metro-sexual

Style tips for a new breed of men

Everyone knows one: the guy in your class who dresses so chic, the one who smells great everyday, the man who spends some time in the mirror and actually gives a hoot. Know what I'm talking about? Of course you do. It's the latest brand of gentleman—the "metro-sexual."

The Metro-sexual is the guy you see at Starbucks with gelled hair, a crisp button-down shirt, fitted trousers and nice, black, buckled shoes. He's the guy that makes normal guys look like crap. He's the guy that puts most men and some women to shame, and he should. He worked hard for it.

Metro-sexuals look like the reality-form of the male runway model—except his sexual preference is strictly in the female

When did this metro-sexual movement become so apparent? I'd say about the late 1990s early 2000s. During the last "Friends" seasons, the idea of a clean-cut guy who takes care of himself, is actually aware of his appearance and is definitely not afraid to express his personality really caught America's eyes--both women's and men's.

Brad Pitt's and Tom Cruise's sense of style makes them both hotties, but still metro-sexuals. Colin Farrell might be a little rough around the edges, but even so, he would also be considered a metro-sexual.

OK, so if you're reading this and you're a guy, and you think you might be one, here are some style tips for you.

The sleek, sexy fashion scene for you includes some basic

#### Try a bold tie:

Knowing that you can look professional and personal all in the same outfit is quite a feat that many, many guys lack. The next time you are getting ready to buy a super-spiffy outfit for a job interview or a nice dinner, consider a bold, vibrant tie. Wrap a bright, multi-colored or patterned cravat around your neck instead of typical basic dark (boring) tie. If you are dressing to impress, the worst impression you can make is that you are boring. By letting your future employer or current date know that you are not afraid to stand out a little, you are leaving the notion that you are original and not afraid to be different. Words of advice, though, are to stay away from the old-fogey ties that are too skinny or too wide. Keep sophistication in mind and pick a print that is bold and eye-catching, not loud and eye-squinting.

You spent the bucks, now wear a tux:



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#### Jordan to play international piano series

By Darla Williford Sauce Reporter

The next internationally acclaimed artist to visit NSU as part of the Louisiana Piano Series International is Krassimira Jordan of Bulgaria.

Jordan began playing the piano at age four and made her debut at seven. She has won many prestigious international prizes including the International Piano Competitions "Alfredo Casella" and 'Alessando Casagrande." In 1981, she won the gold medal as a representative of Austria in the Rio de Janeiro International Piano Competition.

Jordan is now an Artist-in-Residence and professor of Piano at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. By teaching intensive masterclasses, Jordan has enhanced the international image of Baylor's music program. She teaches instruction in European culture and history, and organizes educational tours and student concerts in Europe.

Jordan's concert will be Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The performance will be preceded by a pre-concert lecture, given by Nikita Fitenko, assistant professor of piano, and followed by a recep-

Tickets are free to NSU students and \$10 regular admission.

ways to spend her turkey day.

Home away from home for holidays C Life Editor

For NSU athletes there's no place like home. But with busy practice and game schedules, going home is harder than they thought.

Being away from family has brought on two different reactions for two athletes. They have experienced what it's like to be away from family during the holidays by going home with other teammates, playing at tournaments or being stuck in Natchitoches.

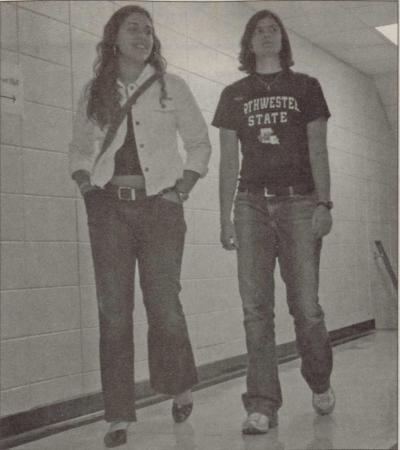
Thanksgiving is when NSU students get to go home for a week and be with their families, but for Flavia Belo and Kristin Davis, going home won't be a reality.

Belo, public relations major, is originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. When the school year begins, her life back home ends and Demon life begins. Between classes, practice and studying, Belo doesn't find much time for a social life. All of that changes next week

With volleyball season now over and the weeklong break ahead, Belo and the rest of her teammates have some time to finally catch up on sleep and rest before finals. However, going home for Thanksgiving isn't an option for the 22year-old senior.

With airfare prices so high and the Christmas holidays just around the corner, she has to find alternate

Belo said the hardest thing about



Flavia Belo and Kristen Davis will spend another holiday break away from home.

being so far away from home is seeing everyone getting ready to go home and having to find her own place to stay during the holidays.

"Everyone's excited to see their family, and you either have to stay here or go home with someone," she said.

"Being an athlete makes it hard to go home, but you can count on your teammates to come through for you. Someone is always going to offer to take you in so you won't be left behind.

Not being close to both family and friends is disappointing for

Davis as well, but being away is to hi more of a vacation than it is a nui- hand

Every Thanksgiving, the basket. ball coaches schedule the team to Demo play in a tournament. Two years NSU ago, the tournament was in Las inclu-Vegas and last year it was in Chicaty of go. This year the team plans to North

travel to California. So how does an athlete on the Kic road spend the holidays? Just ask conte 21-year-old Davis from Sulphur.

This year the team leaves Nov. 24, the day before Thanksgiving. to be And even though the team will be onshi 2,000 miles away from home, they home still plan to incorporate the holidays and enjoy it as a family.

"We're probably going to do some sight-seeing and then find a place to have dinner as a team," she

For Davis, the worst part about traveling during the break is that Thanksgiving is supposed to be time with family and friends.

"I know I'll miss being with my family and not being home," Davis

Wondering how athletes like Davis and Belo get over their separation anxiety?

They remember that even though they are far away from their immediate families, they have a second family right here at NSU.

"The coaches try really hard to make things as comfortable as possible," Davis said. "The team is my family, and it makes being away for the holidays a little better.

#### METRO-SEXUAL

outfit by pulling on a wool blazer, but remember to keep the outfit simple and chic. With this outfit, you could go from your eight o'clock fraternity meeting to your 11 o'clock rendezvous at the bar.

#### Is it dark in here?

Or is it just your shirt? It is perfectly alright to wear a black or navy shirt (it can be pinstriped if you like) under your suit for evening wear. In fact, the darkunder-dark effect is rather intriguing to the eye of your beholder. Add some slick details like a jacket and pants with a subtle sheen to it.

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Express for Men carries these ensembles. Refine your look with a nice, black crocodile-print belt.

#### Are you not "turtly" enough for the "Turtle Club?"

Of course you are, when if comes to wearing turtlenecks, that is. Just for the record, you do not have to have a special kind of neck to wear a turtleneck sweater. Turtlenecks are seen as the powerties of the new millennium. Wear one under a nice denim jacket or a

dark velvet blazer with some jeans

or nice slacks, and you'll definitely

look attractive. If you wear formal outfits, like suits to work, throw a brightly colored turtleneck on underneath the suit. This way, you'll look more approachable for an invitation of happy-hour cock-

#### Get some "scents:"

If you have been wearing the same raunchy "Stetson for Men" watered-down toilet water since you were in middle school, it's time for a change. Some of the hottest scents out there right this second are Escada Magnetism for Men, Paul Smith London and Kenneth Cole Reaction. Also the classic Aqua Di Gio by Giorgio Armani is to die for, and any woman with half a brain would seriously have a hormonal reaction to the way you smell.

If you are a guy with a pretty good sense of style, you too might just be a metro-sexual. But don't think of yourself as being anything less than manly. To a woman, a guy that knows his fashion and grooming capabilities is a real find. Metro-sexuals don't just wear what they wear because women are on their minds either. Dressing

fashionably and coordinating a stylish bod with a stylish attitude makes being a metro-sexual a way of life and a state of mind.

It's the state where you can distinguish what is just to-die-for from what should already be dead and it separates the fashionably conquered from the fashionable conquests.

\*\*If you have questions about fashion, trends or products e-mail carries v Raquel at SaucyFashion@aol.com. the Beal had 446 Who knows? It could be featured NSU plan in the next issue of the Sauce.



# Think you've got style?

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To enter, turn in an appropriate photo and a formal nomination, which includes your name, age, class, major, and reasons for consideration (100-200 words max) to the Current Sauce in Kyser Hall, Rm. 225 or email to currentsauce@nsula.edu

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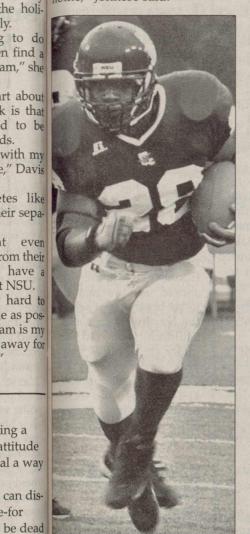
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the football on SFA, but we got away is to hit the play action pass and is a nui- hand the ball off to Johnese and (Derek) Sampson," Stoker said. The lone blemish of the

team to Demons is playing on the road. 70 years NSU is currently 1-3 on the road in Las including losses to the Universin Chica ty of Louisiana at Lafayette, plans to North Dakota State and Nicholls

on the Kick off time for Saturday's Just ask contest is 2 p.m. at Homer Byrce Stadium in Nacogdoches, Texas.

"This is very important for us sgiving, to beat SFA and bring a champiwill be onship and Chief Caddo back me, they home," Johnese said.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce Junior running back Shelton Sampson picks up some yardage on the ground Saturday against SHSU. Sampson finished the game with 104 yards on 22 the Bearkats 45-27 as the Demons had 446 yards rushing in the win.



Cheryl Thompson/the CURRENT SAUCE The Purple Swarm defense smothers a Bearkat running back in Saturday's win. The Purple Swarm held the Bearkat offense to 309 total yards of offense.

#### SGA Senator for October



Jena Simon Sophomore Nursing Major

"I like to see stuff done, I like to see students' complaints become SGA goals."

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### Unsung **Athletes**

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The little guys get none of the credit.

I am not going to bore you about the importance of this weekend's football game against Stephen F. Austin.

Yes, we have to win to go to the playoffs. Yes, if we win we will have a share of the conference championship (like I said we could do).

I am not going to bore all of you because by the time this column is printed, it will have been drilled into your skulls.

I'm not going to write about last weekend's game against Sam Houston State either.

Sure, it was a great game, and it was a convincing victory. The Demons stood up and answered their critics against a very tough Bearkat team.

I am going to write about the unsung athletes of NSU: The hard-working athletes who participate in the so-called minor sports.

I have not done a very good job covering these worthy athletes.

I have written about sports and 9-11, the football team's ups and downs and I have whined about my boys, the Yankees, losing in the ALCS to the Red Sox.

To all of you who participate in softball, tennis, soccer and track, I say thank you. There may not be very many people at your respective events, but I just want you all to know that I think you do a great job.

Few people can say that they were Division I athletes, so take pride in your accomplishment.

I attended a volleyball game this semester for the first time in my life. We were playing McNeese, and the atmosphere rivaled its football counterpart.

There was a deep, genuine passion on both sides. It was a very exciting game that ended with a Demon victory.

These athletes poured their hearts out because they love their sport. They may not stand out on campus, but they embody NSU athletic tradition.

Another thing I noticed was how these athletes root for one another. The tennis players were cheering on the volleyball team like there was no tomor-

They screamed and hollered and made sure that McNeese knew they were there. They did what we all should do: Support our student athletes.

Go to a tennis match. Watch a baseball game. Heck, even the basketball teams need some love.

They work hard and deserve every ounce of support we have.

On a sad note, I want to say goodbye. This is my last column. On Dec. 17 I will leave this world of late night pizza and video games to enter the world of casual Fridays and the dreaded minivan.

My goal was to inform and entertain, and I hope I did just that.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and good luck with the rest of the semester. Thank you.

# Conference favorites

# Demons predicted to win the Southland championship

By Justin Hebert Sauce Reporter

Its tip-off time for the Demons, and people are already looking forward to some March madness.

The NSU men's basketball team is preparing for their first regular season game this Friday night at 7 p.m. in Stillwater, Okla.

They will play the Cowboys of Oklahoma State who are nationally ranked in the

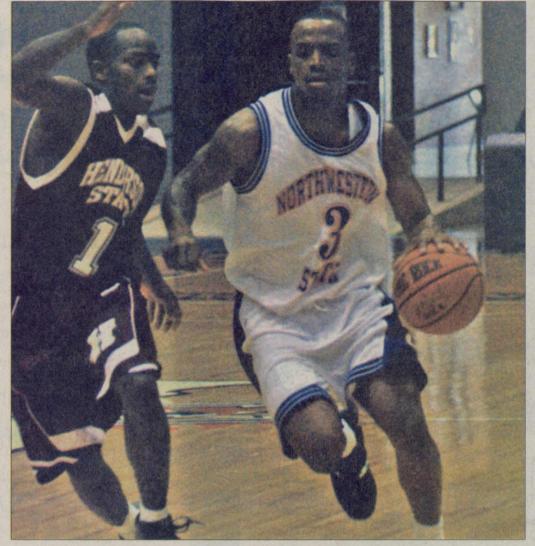
"We are just going to have to go and compete," Demon coach McConathy said. "We need to rebound, and we need to take care of the basketball.

If we do these things then you don't ever know what could happen."

NSU's 2004-2005 hoops team is the preseason pick to win the Southland Conference while bringing back starters McConathy's sixth season with the Demons.

Demon juniors Byron Allen, Jermaine Wallace and Clifton Lee, who have been part of the youngest Division I basketball team for the past two seasons, have been picked by the coaches for this year's preseason All-SLC Basketball Team.

"You always want to be looked at as a quality club,



Junior guard Tyronn Mitchell dribbles past a Henderson State defender at Prather Coliseum Nov. 7. The Demons won the exhibition game against the Reddies 66-56. NSU opens regular season play Friday.

obtain that McConathy said.

NSU is looking to benefit but you have got a lot of from the experience and work to do to be able to depth that comes with

ners when they take on a tough schedule.

Their schedule includes nois, all of which made the conference tournament.'

bringing back 12 letter win- games against Oklahoma State, Tulsa, Tulane, LSU, non-conference Valparaiso, Cincinnati, Dayton, Northern Iowa, and Illi- conference games and the

NCAA Tournament just a

"Hopefully it will put us in a position where we played the best and improved, we competed and hopefully we can win some game," McConathy said."If you can do that then I think it'll be beneficial."

McConathy said he plans to have his team approach every game this season with the same hard-working mentality so that they do not get themselves too excited for some of the tough games.

"I think you have to take every game as if it is a game, because you don't want to build them up so much that mentally you give your kids disadvantage," McConathy said.

One of the biggest rewards of the Demons competing in such a strong schedule outside of the Southland is getting used to playing tough teams, especially when the games are on the road.

"If we play in these tough venues there is not anywhere in our conference that's going to be more difficult than going to Stillwater, Dayton, Cincinnati, or LSU," McConathy said. "But the most important thing is understanding that our season is based off of our 16

# Saturday

play next

Football may

are also \$4.

If the NSU Demon foot Pleas ball team wins Saturday fesso afternoon at Stephen 1 Austin, a first-round Division I-AA playoff game could be held next Satur Wed day afternoon, Nov. 27, in 5:30 Turpin Stadium.

Tickets for students for Thur the playoff game would be \$5 each, with that price set by the NCAA. Pairings and game sites for the SCTI announced at approxi- 11:0 mately noon Sunday of 2:00 ESPN News, and will be featured on the 5:30 on www.nsudemons.com Thur

Kickoff time for the pos Frida sible home playoff game 8:00 next Saturday would like ly be 2 p.m., but that decision will not be made until the opposing team's travel 0910 plans are set. Reserved 2:00 seats will be \$15 with gen MW eral admission tickets \$10 5:30 for the playoff game, with those prices also mandat ed by the NCAA.

Tickets will be available Satu through the NSU Athletic Satu Ticket Office

(318-357-4268) week. The office will be open each day 8 a.m. p.m., except on Thanks 8:00 giving.

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#### **Lady Demons** season starts Friday

Friday night in Prathe 8:00 Coliseum, there will by Lady Demons coaching of December 11:00 both benches as two of the 2:00 state's 2004 NCAA Tour 5:30 nament women's basker Class ball teams collide in a sea matchul Wedr son-opening between visiting Souther University and North western State.

The 6:30 game will 11:0 the debut of NSU's Jet Class nifer Graf.

Leading Southern with the Co Sandy Pugh, who is start 900 ing her fifth season as the Chri Jaguars' women's hear

The Lady Demon Jan. last year's 24-7 club first including Preseason A Sprin SLC picks Amanda Bell For a nett and Diamond Cosh along with last year's SLI ries t Freshman of the Yea curre

Chassidy Jones.

# NSU crew hosts annual marathon

Twenty-five course records were set Saturday at the 15th Annual Marathon Rowing Championship on Cane River

Contestants raced 26.2 miles, beginning at Melrose Plantation and ending at the downtown riverbank.

The marathon had a recordbreaking 108 entries, which was comprised of 350 competitors. Some came from as far as England. Last year there were 72 entries with 285 participants.

"This year was clearly the best ever for the marathon," said coach Alan Pasch. "Entries were as high as they have ever been."

The Marathon was graced with its first Olympic competitor, Jim Dietz. He is a three-time Olympic rower, two-time Olympic rowing coach and is the current head coach at the University of Massachusetts.

Dietz set a course record in the Men's Master E Single event at 3:27:16 and beat the novice women's four-boat assistant NSU coach Jason previous record by almost that took gold in its division

By Jamie Clark five minutes. Dietz said he and set a NSU record with next year.

He said he may even bring his team from the University of Massachusetts.

"It was a total surprise; we couldn't have paid to have better publicity," Pasch said. "He stayed around until everyone had their pictures and questions answered. It helps out the Marathon to have a person of that caliber to participate in the event. It will definitely have an impact on next year."

NSU entered two racing shells (boats) in the marathon. The first was a men's open four-boat that set an NSU record and took the bronze medal with a time of 3:18:09.

Varsity rowers Ricky Ziegler, Matt Hooker, Dave May, Chris Lee and coxswain Kilburn Laundry raced the boat. May has competed in the Marathon for the past seven years.

"It's in my blood," May

The second shell was a

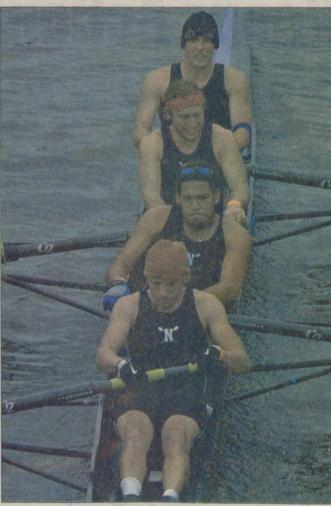
Sauce Reporter was impressed with the 4:43:26. The shell consisted of marathon and plans to return Maryellen Dickey, Jessica Craig, Danielle Champagne, Sadie Winterstein and coxswain Kori Escalon and was the first all novice women's boat to be entered in the history of NSU.

"Not many people can say that they rowed a marathon, so when we were presented with the opportunity, we grabbed it," said sophomore Jessica Craig. "In the end, it was well worth it."

Even with the great weather conditions, teams ran into trouble on the water. The University of Wisconsin missed setting a new course record for the men's open eight-boat by 1:09 because they broke their skeg.

The skeg is essential for steering the shell. The team was forced to stop and fix the skeg on the water.

"That's unheard of for a team to have an extra skeg with them, much less to fix it in the middle of a race," said "Iggy" Ingargiola.



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce Demon crew team rows the marathon last Saturday. Rowers rowing are (front) Ricky Ziegler, Matt Hooker, Dave May and Chris Lee.

# Demons to battle SFA for the Chief

Sports Editor

NSU's last game of the season is for all the marbles: a championship and Chief Caddo.

jacks Saturday, NSU will win a share of the Southland Conference championship, receive an automatand bring Chief Caddo back to Natchitoches.

The winner of the Sam Houston State-Texas State game will win the other share of the SLC champi-

By Patrick West ing," Demon head coach McNeese St. 55-7. Scott Stoker said. "This is end of the season with a chance to win a championship.

If the Demons win, it will If the Demons beat the capture their sixth SLC Stephen F. Austin Lumber- championship and first since 1998.

The Demons won the conference championship in 1988, 1997 and 1998 while ic bid to the I-AA playoffs making the playoffs five times. NSU made the playoffs in 1988, 1997, 1998, 2001 and 2002.

The Demons are coming off a huge win against then No. 3 ranked SHSU 45-27, while SFA is coming off a "This is for all or noth- blowout win against

the Demons last season at Turpin Stadium 42-35 and took Chief Caddo to Nacog-

"It was a big win for us and we expected to win that football game," Stoker said.

Chief Caddo is college football's largest trophy as the mythical Native American stands at 7 feet 6 inches home to the winner of the defense NSU-SFA game.

The Chief Caddo tradition started in 1961 with NSU leading the series 24-13-1.

tribute to the Native Ameri- ior linebacker Jamall John-NSU leads the all time can heritage of both univerwhere you want to be at the series 38-19-3, but SFA beat sities' home regions and every Demon fan knows Chief Caddo likes Natchitoches over the Lumberjacks.

For the Demons to win, NSU will have to rely on the Purple Swarm defense, which is coming off a dominating performance against

The Purple Swarm leads and 320 pounds, which goes all of Division I-AA in total and rushing defense. The Purple Swarm held SHSU to a season low 309 total offensive yards.

"Coming into the game against Sam Houston we The wooden statue is a knew we had to win," sen-

son said. "We need to win this week to get a ring."

The Demon offense, however, has picked up speed the last two weeks, piling up 806 rushing yards and has outscored opponents NSU was lead against

had 252 yards rushing on 24 carries with two touchdowns. Stoker said the Demon offense cannot afford to turn the football over and needs to be consistent on

SHSU by junior running

back Derrick Johnese who

"It will be difficult to run See Chief, page 7



Montana Massacre

Demons suffer heavy loss on the road.

Sports, page 8

Giddy for 'Gala'

Get an advance taste of the largest theatre production of the year

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radual the Current Sauce staff wishes you is star good luck on your finals and a Merry n as the Christmas!

We will return on Demot Jan. 20 with our first issue of the son A spring semester! da Ber For additional sto-ar's SI ries this week, visit e Yea currentsauce.com.



# Lights, lights, lights!

City festival to twinkle with new display additions

By Courtney LaCaze Sauce Reporter

Every year the residents of Natchitoches look forward to the Christmas Festival. This year spectators can enjoy more lights, more set pieces and the chance to purchase a spot along the riverbank to

view the events. The Christmas Festival will kick off this Friday at 6 p.m. with a lighted barge parade on Cane River Lake. Saturday will be a daylong Christmas celebration with arts, crafts, food vendors, entertainment, a parade, a fireworks show and the lighting of more than 300,000 Christ-

The lights now include an NSU light set piece, a new Santa face, an American Flag and a rotating ice skating rink. More than 77 set pieces will be on display along the riverbank.

The fireworks show will once again be followed by a laser show. The fireworks and laser show will last about 30 minutes beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Due to increased attendance in recent years, the city sold sections along the riverbank for spectators to view the lights. The barricaded

Christmas Festival Schedule of events for Saturday's celebration

- 10 a.m. Opening ceremony at Fleur de Lis
- 1 p.m. Christmas Festival
- · Afternoon Live musical entertainment on the Fleur de Lis Stage
- 6 p.m. Fireworks and turning on the Christmas

Source: City of Natchitoches

sections are \$50.00 and the city has a limited number to

Courtney Hornsby, Main Street director, said the city expects a huge turnout this weekend with more than 100,000 people expected to attend. The 78th Annual Christmas Festival and lights are expected to attract more than half a million people during the month of Decem-

There is always something for everyone at the festival. There will be an area designated for children this year called "The Washington Square," with activities including games, clowns and balloons. The children events will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and the cost will be \$2 per child.

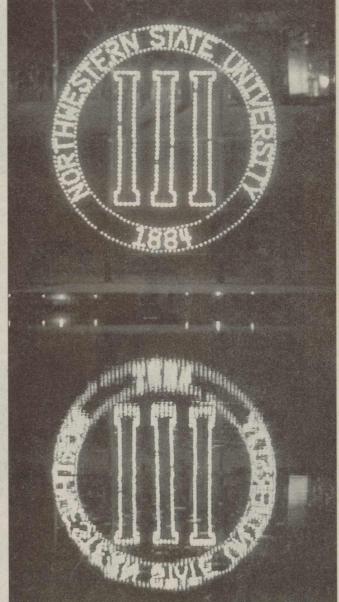
U.S. Senator-elect David events.

Vitter will serve as Grand Marshall in the Christmas parade, which begins at 1 p.m. He will also take part in all other festival events, including the opening ceremony and the Christmas Gala at NSU.

Other visitors at the parade will be the Budweiser Clydesdales. The Clydesdales will come into town on Friday to make appearances before serving in the parade

"I have high hopes for the festival and we want to encourage all Northwestern students to participate in all the festival events," Hornsby

The City of Natchitoches will close down streets on Saturday morning about 6 a.m. to get ready for the



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE

Cane River Lake reflects an NSU light display, one of the several new additions to the menagerie of lights regularly set up and turned on during the holiday season in Natchitoches.

# Where's the WRAC?

Center's construction delayed again, but parking lot work persists



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

A construction worker smoothes out asphalt Nov. 19 for the new Sabine parking lot.

Sauce Reporter

Seven years and still counting. The question on many students' minds is When will the Wellness Recreation Activity Center finally open? Director of the Physical Plant Chris Sampite said that it's hard to pinpoint, but the center ing the building. At that should be complete in early spring but probably will not open until March. No dates have yet been selected for the Grand Opening Ceremony.

There are many things left for the University to do before the center can open., bad weather has delayed progress at times, Sampite said, and only 50 percent of have been some factors that the roof is complete. In the have been uncontrollable,"

By Eva Sterling next two weeks, the facility is going to be dried in and anything goes no matter what the weather, Patrick DuBois, the associate director of student activities for recreational sports and intramural said. This means that the ceiling will be finished, preventing any more water from entertime, the contractors can finish the drywall and electrical outlets.

The construction team has increased their numbers to speed up the project's completion, DuBois said.

"We are disappointed as are many that it has taken so long to complete, but there

Sampite said.

In addition to the WRAC construction, additions and renovations have been made to two parking lots on cam-

The Sabine parking lot was repaved during Thanksgiving break and is now complete. An extra exit and entrance was added to help traffic flow. The parking lot was re-stripped creating 45 additional parking spaces, which is 370 spaces total. Extra lighting is still to be added to the parking lot for student safety, Sampite said. The closing of Caddo parking lot is being considered.

Another parking lot is under construction on the ■ See Lots, page 3

## SGA commissioner keeps her position

By Victoria Smith Sauce Reporter

In a failed attempt to remove Shantel Wempren from her position as Commissioner of Academic Affairs on the SGA, Sen. Fred Kuechenmeister brought five articles of impeachment against her at Monday's SGA meeting and charged her with a gross dereliction of duty. Eleven senators voted for her removal, but this was-

n't enough. According to Kuechenmeister's articles, Wempren failed to ensure that her department completed at least two projects this semester, work with NSU's vice president of academic affairs in various areas, provide SGA representation on all available University academic committees, organize the Educational Programming Committee, and address teacher evaluations this semester.

After formally presenting the charges, Sen. Kuechenmeister said he had nothing to add and that he was only presenting the facts.

Earlier this semester, the Distinguished Lecturer Committee proposed to bring feminist speaker Gloria Steinem to speak at NSU, but the bill failed to pass.

"There has been no effort or any other plans to bring in another project," Kuechenmeister said.

Carlos Hartwell, member



WEMPREN speaker.

"If you vote it down that's having to start over because it's been completely shut down," Hartwell said.

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'There was a dereliction of duty in communicating with the vice president of academic affairs and because of this, the University terminated a degree program without any representation from the Student Government Association or Academic Affairs," Kuechenmeister said.

During the fall 2004 semester Wempren also failed to present the senate with appointments to the Scholarship Appeals Committee and the Subcommittee Grade Appeals for Admission, Credits, and Graduation Council. Kuechenmeister said there was disregard for teacher evaluations after Jerry Whorton resigned from the senate earlier this semes-

"These charges grounds to remove Ms. Wempren from commissioner of academic affairs," Kuechenmeister said.

Wempren said that these charges were unconstitution-

> "You can impeach me, you ■ See SGA, page 3

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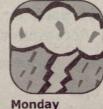


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# Baseball field gets facelift 5G

By Kyle Carter News Editor

The baseball field has been getting the final touches on its surface using a new design in artificial turf.

Mitch Gaspard, head coach of the baseball team, said a new turf is going to be placed on the field made of a rubber-sand mixture. This mixture allows for a safer, more natural playing surface for baseball, he said. In football, the 100 percent rubber surface of the old turf provides a cushion, which allows for safer tackling and better bounce, but in baseball, a bouncy surface is not needed.

"In baseball you want a natural type of playing surface for a natural bounce, and the sand allows for this," Gaspard said.

He said because this new turf is becoming the standard, the University will probably have people from across the Southern region coming to see the new turf. Many baseball teams, both professional and collegiate, have been moving to this type of turf, he said.

There were two main reasons for replacing the surface on the baseball field. Chris Sampite, director of the physical plant, said first, the baseball field needed to have the old turf replaced because it had outlived its usefulness. Second, the drainage on the field needed to be reworked. The project cost about \$270,000, he said.

Gaspard said the previous surface was an Astro Turf surface first played on in the Superdome for

Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUG

Work on the baseball field's new surface is currently in progress. Drainage corrections have been made to the field, and new artificial turf has been laid.

eight years. It was laid on the field in 1994, making this turf almost two decades old

This turf is only supposed to last 12 years," Gaspard said. "Just wear and tear over time pushed the resurfacing forward."

Charles Bourg, director of athletic facilities, said it is hoped that the field will be ready by the middle of December if rain does not delay the project. He said all that is needed to do is place the inlaid logos, baselines and dugout lines followed by the rubber-sand mixture placed over the artificial grasslike surface. The field will not have to be painted for every game like Turpin Stadium, Bourg said. This will make maintaining the field cheaper and easier because field paint will not have to be constantly swept off of it.

The new surface was cheaper to be's job to lie down than the older Astro Turi fon, bring Bourg said. He said it costs about department \$100,000 less than the old turf.

Sampite said the baseball field committee has been experiencing problem sign langu with drainage caused by too few four ideas drainage outlets. The problem has spring leisur been corrected by reworking the "If I didn drainage below the field before the supposed to new turf is laid. Bourg said keeping up the field gize," Wem

has been a problem with the old The SGA drainage system. He said water ommending had been flooding and ponding in hours of open the area around third base on the field, causing the old turf to begin to tear and dry rot.

At press time, the drainage system was corrected, but the artificial east side of of turf is on the field without the rub Center parl ber-sand mixture. But weather help ease so allowing, it will be done soon.

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11-23-04 10:05 a.m.

Two vehicles collided at the

#### **NSU Police Blotter** by Elizabeth Bolt

11-15-04 1:52 p.m.

A man was on campus with a firearm. He was advised that NSU is a gun-free zone and was escorted off campus.

7:04 p.m. A litter of kittens was found behind Varnado. The animal shelter was advised the next day.

11-17-04 11:30 a.m.

There was a fight at the Health and P.E. Majors' Building. All units went and broke up the fight.

7:49 p.m.

A caller from Dodd requested an officer for a disturbance between a resident and a male visitor. Two kitchen knives were confiscated from those involved. The man was transported to the campus police station to write a statement. They were advised that campus police would take further action if problems persist-

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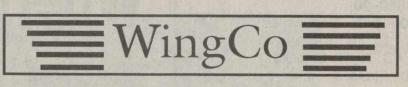
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Wempren said she talks to stuents and teachers and does her st for the students of NSU.

"This is a witch hunt," Wempren aid. "They're after me this week; ev could be after you next. Maybe I didn't do my job but I tried

ny best." Sen. Patrick Feller said that the mmissioner of Academic Affairs inds out what they are supposed to

"It's a thankless position," Feller CURRENT SALD said. "You do a lot of work and get nage cor- no credit for it, but it's your respon-

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The SGA also passed a bill recaid water ommending an extension for the onding in hours of operation of the Friedman er Series this spring. ase on the

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student union computer lab to better benefit the students.

Sen. Matt Bartley said he talked to many students who kept coming to use a closed computer lab.

"The only reason the lab closes so early is because the SGA passed the hours," Bartley said.

The new recommended hours would extend from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., instead of the current 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours.

The SGA also passed a bill recommending that the University level the brick crosswalks located on Caspari Street and Sam Sibley Drive over the Christmas holiday. Co-sponsors of the bill said the crosswalks have deteriorated to the point of becoming potentially hazardous obstructions to motor vehi-

Sen. Kie Boyett said there is an inch or more drop in the cross-

"Anyone driving over that at any rate of speed can be potentially dangerous so we're asking the university to level the bricks," Boyett

A bill was passed to spend \$3,500 to bring, a U.S. soldier from Iraq, John Crawford, to NSU this spring as part of the Distinguished Lectur-

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During the last two years, Sampite said NSU has spent sufficient time and money to increase advised campus parking. More than 350 erturned parking spaces have been added.

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Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE A worker uses a heavy duty airblower on Nov. 19 to clean off the old surface of the Sabine parking lot before it is to be recovered.

# History lives on

Students say performing unusual tasks at historic site is 'better than flipping burgers'

Sauce Reporter

The year is 1716. You and a small company of colonial soldiers are sent to Natchitoches to build and garrison an outpost to keep Spanish forces from crossing the borders of the French Louisiane.

You live at this outpost, working day in and day out protecting the inhabitants and supplies it holds. You repair the fort and perform the everyday activities needed for sur-

Only a dream? Not for a few Northwestern students who work at Fort St. Jean Baptiste.

For these students, reliving the past is an everyday event.

"It's much better than flipping burgers," John Downing, junior Scholars' College student, said. The fort is "a little more intellectually engaging."

Downing, who serves as a Wage Interpreter at the fort, dresses in a colonial outfit provided by the fort and gives demonstrations on many 18th century activities such as skinning animals, starting fires with flint and steel and even firing authentic cannons. He gives tours of the fort to visitors and reports on its history and traditions

"You don't have to show up an

By Thorn LaCaze school comes first, we work around student schedules."

After a few weeks of training and learning about the time period, any new employee can be ready to handle interpreting life on the fort. Chances for promotion and advancement are available, Seale said, to those who devote enough time and effort.

Because the new building is opening soon on Jefferson Street, more jobs are might open in the future. The new visitor center will include a little theatre, and a stand still museum.

Working at the fort "gives you physical exercise and time to think," Chris Harris, a senior biology major, said.

"I much rather work outdoors" said Harris who has been working there for two months.

Not all the jobs on the fort involved dressing in colonial clothes and giving tours. Some jobs are tailored toward specific interests or skills. Such is the case with Harris, who spends most of his time at work with maintenance chores like chopping wood, mowing the grass or repairing the fort.

"There's always a project to be working on," Harris said about his

The fort, open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., expert," said Manager Rick Seale. offers many opportunities to learn, "Just show interest [and] since develop, and perfect skills present



Senior Psychology major Nicky Roach keeps the tradition of finger weaving alive

while working at Fort St. Jean Baptiste in Natchitoches.

in both 18th century life and today. "It's best to take a tour first," Downing said in advice to any stu-

dent interested in applying.

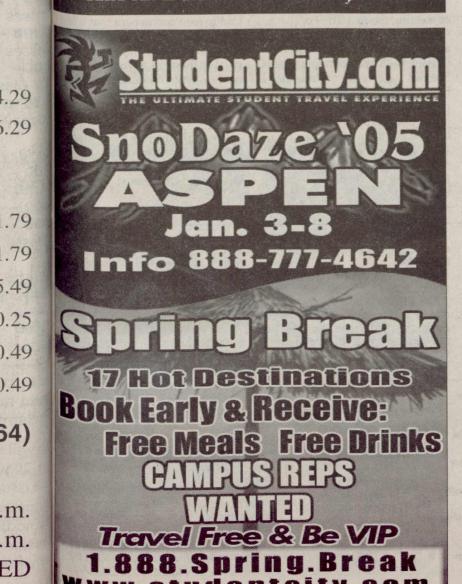
The greatest reward of working at the fort? Downing said it is the amazement of a large visiting school group.

One chance to see what the fort is all about is to attend the 18th Century Re-enactment on Dec. 11, beginning at 10 a.m. Admission is \$2 for ages 12 to 62. For more information about the re-enactment or other upcoming events call 1-888-677-7853 or 357-3101.



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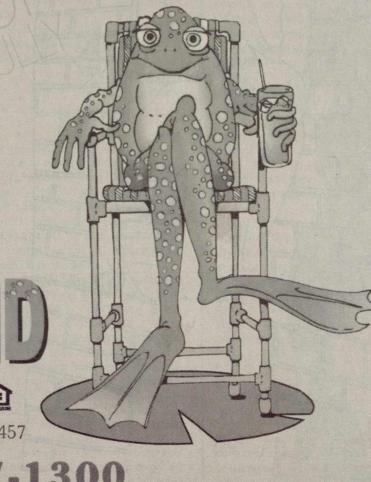
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#### **Economics 101 review**



By J. Aaron 'Q" Brown

The Republicans' newest pet project is to overhaul Social Security. The basic plan is simple: replace the current system, under which today's tax payers fund the benefits of today's seniors, with one in which, in addition to the current system, a portion of each person's taxes would go into a personal retirement account, owned by a private corporation. Of course, doing this without increasing the costs or cutting current benefits, as the Republicans promise to do, is a mathematical impossibility. However, the GOP touts privatization, which has to generate profit in addition to all this extra money, as a miracle solution.

And this whole time we're still borrowing more from Social Security funding. As ridiculous as it was to hear Al Gore bang away with the phrase "lock box" in 2000, it was a good idea. America is sinking itself deeper and deeper into debt and further devaluing a currency that is already losing ground against the Euro every day. This is a bad idea!

Bush should know this is a bad idea. He made a policy of hiring top-notch economists for the Commerce Department, but he routinely ignored their advice. Now, with a second term coming on, Bush is seeking replacements for all but one of the nation's five top economic posts (he likes his budget director). He'd hoped to catch some high-profile experts to help

sell his tax code "simplification" and Social Security reform, but according to a recent Washington Post article, top-notch economists are no longer biting.

And who can blame them? Many of them have been routinely ignored for two years, expected to be White House cheerleaders. MIT economist James Poterba declined to chair the Council of Economic Advisers, and Stanford's John Cogan, who worked for Bush senior, has turned down a place on Dubya's Social Security reform squad. No one wants a position without influence.

The mistakes Bush made in his first term are coming back to bite him in the hindquarters, but I doubt he will learn from them. For all his talk of relying on "a good team" to make informed decisions, he shows every sign of simply clamping down even harder on dissent within the administration to present the image of

Mr. Hargis wrote some things last week that were ridiculous. In fact, there were so many of them that were so ridiculous, I just didn't have room to cover it here, so I have posted an open letter to him at i-55.com/~q for those who care to read. You can also expect two or three updates on that site over the break.

Everyone have a happy holiday season, and I'll be back next semester! Write to saucefiller@gmail.com if you've got something to say.

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The Best of

Sometimes, when the light is right, and I

don't have my glasses on, and I kinda squint,

it looks like I have muscles. These are happy times.

### Letter to the Editor

Alumnus calls for students to "Practice What You Preach'

Mr. Shatwell's column concerning the moral majority's misdirected approach to abortion issues made me decide to write about an issue which has troubled me for many years. Namely, that this "moral majority," and indeed the right in general, has appropriated Jesus and his teachings for themselves and their representative party. My problem with this is that their attitudes and behaviors are completely divergent from the spirit and character of Christ's teachings. Christ was a doer, a real grassroots activist who made sure his actions matched his rhetoric. He spoke of inclusiveness and love, not labeling and hate. He brought the prostitute into his fold because he knew that she had just as much right to life in this world as anybody else. I might add that he pointed out that we are all sinners

activists). You, too, are not perfect. But, if you really believe in the teachings of Jesus, which is your business, you should be trying to emulate Christ and avoid sin, and I am afraid that means accepting others even if they are sinners.

Not only that, and this is going to come as a shock to the Republicans out there, it means actually helping your fellow man. I know, I know, one would think that Jesus would definitely be for deregulation of business across the board and getting rid of taxation outright, but, upon further examination, I think you'll find it more likely that he would be heavily pro-welfare and support any other organization dedicated to eradicating poverty. He believed one should give away worldly possessions for the benefit of others, not that accumulation of wealth was a worthwhile goal. He himself practiced what he preached and lived a pauper's life dedicated to helping the

(yes, even you conservative less fortunate. Bad news for the corporations and wealthy individuals who are carving up the world amongst themselves, turns out the poor and meek shall inherit the earth. Think about that next time before you write them off without a second thought.

A final word for those who will probably wand to write back, it also means you probably shouldn't be full of hate and poisonous invective. If you find yourself agreeing with the nasty, bitter, and just plain mean opinions spat out by Ann Coulter and her ilk, you probably don't see eye to eye with Jesus Christ. I am tired of listening to alleged Christians shout angrily about their "faith" and issues connected to it. I would point out once again that Christ did not behave this way. The only time Christ yelled in anger (pay attention Republicans) was when he threw out the moneylenders. He met all other challenges, including his own death, with a calm accept-

ance. Just thought I would pre empt any sarcastic and catty analy sis by Miss Rhea, or any angry sug. gestions that I leave if I don't like by Mister Cason, or whatever vitri olic drivel Mister Hargis might All direct my way. Oh, and don't both. er writing in about my hypocritica writing style, I'm not a Christian and don't claim to follow Christ When I didn't find any Christians in the church, I took Mister Cason's As th advice and left it. I hope Mister ights up Hargis in particular pays attention val, NSL to my message, because some of stage for his letters are so full of hate that lituction can't believe he isn't embarrassed Gala. T I imagine a meeting between he Thursda and Jesus would end with Jesus frederic saying something along the line sentation of, "Hey, you in the back. Didn't p.m. you hear me tell you to put down The ' that stone?"

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Chris Billioux **NSU Alumnus** 

#### THE RIGHT SIDE Sales tax: love it or hate it?



By T. Hargis

As the holiday season and the national season of black is in full force, that is the time of year where most retailers move from the red to the black in financial matters, we are all doing budgets for the Christmas shopping spree. I guess you could buy the gifts ahead of time and spread out the pain on your wallet, or you could be like the rest of us who spend the money now on credit and pay most of it off at 22 percent when tax refund checks get in around May. So why can't we be on a cash system? Let me spend my cash now and not get raped by the plastic card companies. Insert the national sales tax.

No, Steve Forbes isn't running for president. If you don't remem-

ber, he was the guy who wanted a flat tax for all Americans regardless of what you made, also called the "fair tax" or "your fair share." The poor and lower-middle class hated it because, hello, it would increase their tax liability. No one, especially the poor, deserves to

pay more in taxes. Let's look at the overall picture of this latest version, and there have been many, of the national sales tax bills making their way through the House and Senate. Generally, they are the same with both setting a national flat sales tax on goods and services. Your first \$15,000 would be free in one bill and a rebate in another. This is the poverty level that currently receives no tax liability in the federal system. The tax has been suggested at 25 -30 percent, but that still has to be worked out in committee since both bills will have different ideas as to how to structure this mass transition. The tax would be collected by retailers and regulated at the state level.

People who will love and hate the national sales tax:

Love it - Environmentalist whackos - no more IRS paperwork to file

Hate it - H&R Block - no more IRS paperwork to file

Love it - Spouses who have to shelter themselves from the family during tax season

Hate it - Spouses now have to

find another excuse to shelter themselves from the family during "tax season" Love it - The federal budget should shrink by 7 billion dollars

and eliminate the IRS as we know Hate it - The state budget will

have to hire a few people to collect Love it - "Soccer Moms" -

when they buy their family's Christmas gift, and have more money to spend

Hate it - "Soccer Moms" when they get sticker shock at the

front checkout counter Love it - Students in Dr. Aich's constitutional law class- one less amendment to learn!

Hate it - Legislatures that have Vicki Pa to ratify this change to the constitution and have to listen to the hours of debate that won't change a thing

Love it or hate it, we as a nation need to keep an eye on this bill so it won't be unfair to the bottom two thirds of the national work force. I think all high end items should carry an additional percentage to offset a lower end model's discounted percentage. Want a Ford? Pay the average tax. Want a Lexus or a BMW? Pay a higher tax. If you can afford the car, you should be able to afford the tax. The only real winners are the lobbying groups that are going to be making a fortune fighting for every side of the coin. I just hope I'm on at least one side.

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### Chief Caddo: the Myth and the Reality



By Justin Shatwell

Once again, our school has participated in a long standing rivalry with Stephen F. Austin to determine who will get to hang on to Chief Caddo this year. For those who don't know, Chief Caddo is a large wooden trophy carved to look like an American Indian wearing leather clothing with a large feathered headdress. It is meant to honor the great Caddo Chief who sent his two sons to found the sister towns of Natchitoches and Nacogdoches.

Unfortunately, this chief never existed. His legend is not only false, it isn't even a Caddoan legend. It's just a rumor that kind of appeared sometime during the early 20th century. It has no roots in the Caddoan oral history, and more than likely, it was just made up as a story for the tourists. Also, the American Indian portrayed in

the statue is by no means a Caddo. Chief Caddo is clearly a Plains Indian. The actual Caddo were not. The carver apparently knew little about the culture of the Caddo when he crafted the statue.

I am strongly against the use of American Indians as mascots. Though I understand that they are not meant to be derogatory, I think the practice shows a deep ignorance amongst the American people about the history and heritage of American Indians. These mascots do not honor the historical reality of these tribes. Rather, they evoke the mythic Indian archetype of the Old West legends. When we think of Indians, we think of John Wayne and Clint Eastwood, and of tomahawks, war parties and scalpings. To most people today, American Indians are the thing of dreams and legends, not an ethnic minority with a rich heritage and a full history.

This is what makes Chief Caddo and other Indian mascots derogatory. While we claim to honor them with the Tomahawk chop, we ignore the gruesome history of our country's relations with these

people. The U.S. government committed genocide against the American Indians. This is a fact. As a nation, we are guilty of theft, murder, rape and deception. Yet what do we do to atone for this? Instead of owning up to our past and earnestly teaching our children of our fore-father's mistakes, we dedicate a baseball team in Atlanta to those people whose land was stolen to build the city upon, and exchange bills bearing the face of the man who perpetrated this tragedy for foam tomahawks to cheer on America's pas-

I have actually had the pleasure of meeting the real Chief of the Caddo. His name is Rufus Davis and he is a middle aged man who lives in the Adais community near Spanish Lake, north of Robeline. I have studied the history of his people and know that there are many true stories we could celebrate about them. For instance, in 1731 Natchitoches was attacked by the Natchez Indians. The inhabitants of the fort would have been massacred had it not been for the hundreds of reinforcements the

Caddo tribes sent to our aid. Despite this act of friendship and sacrifice, outside of the historical associations there are only two public memorials to the Caddo people in the city of Natchitoches. One is a plaque on Front Street that commemorates the day we shipped them from their homes to Oklahoma. The other is a large wooden football trophy that commemorates a mythical Indian for committing mythical deeds.

I am not against having a trophy likeable that celebrates the Caddo people. They are worthy of our praise and our thanks. However, would it kill us to retire the current Chief Caddo for a monument that truly represented the Caddo people and Breath," respected their heritage and histo ry? For those who would answer no, I suggest you find a Caddo and try to explain your position to moans

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put down The "Mystery of the Stolen Christmas Ornaments" is a story of a little boy, Andy, who has to rescue the Christmas ornaments of his town, which were stolen by Alexis, a girl who hated the holiday. Andy travels in a time machine and goes around the world to save the ornaments and the Christmas in his town. As Andy travels, different dances and music will be presented.

one less including a surfer Santa Claus, a the Christmas Festival. time machine, and hip hop music. that have Vicki Parish, theater professor in students with ID.

By Flavia Belo charge of Gala said, "We included Sauce Reporter a little something for everybody."

The Christmas Gala will be a forming Arts Department to the community. More than 250 students will participate, including department designed the program for the show.

Danielle Laureant, member of the choir, said this year the show will innovate since the story and cast were part of a class project.

"Students wrote the story and helped to cast the participants," Laureant said. "And they did a great job."

She said large crowds are expected to attend the Gala.

"It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit," Laureant said. "It will be fun. It is our largest The story is very diverse, show, and it is also the opening of

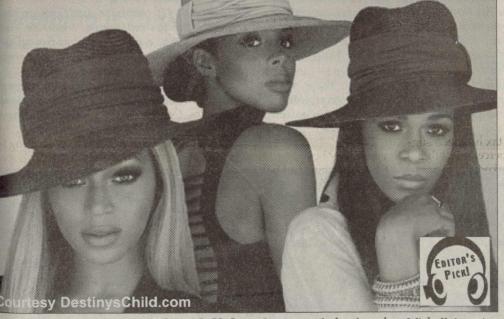
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The NSU Percussion Ensemble performs a Caribbean-style holiday tune using instruments and unusual "noise makers."

# EDITOR'S PICKS: Let the Sauce make choosing music easy this holiday season bottom



Destiny's Child Destiny Fulfilled

This year has been an exceptional year for tchitoches all three musicians in Destiny's Child. They took three years off from the group thing to experiment with solo careers. After their r homes to break, they came together again with their latest release titled Destiny Fulfilled.

that com- The reunion of Beyonce Knowles, Kelly ndian for Rowland and Michelle Williams brings back three young divas ready to soar off with a ng a trophy likeable collection of female empowering do people, anthems, sensual romantic ballads and fun praise and booty-shaking grooves.

These three ladies reveal a more mature, sexy side, especially on songs like the marching band inspired first single "Lose my people and Breath," the chatty "Cater 2 U" and the taboo

The last song, however, overly exerts a "too sexy" overtone—Beyonce implausibly position to moans Miss Jackson style to her lover to keep it right there." Despite that little calamity and the fact that Michelle's voice sounds like a deeper version of Alvin Chipmunk, Beyonce's strong, fiery vocals keep the ladies on track with classic, soulful tracks such as "Is She the Reason," "Free" and 'Through with Love."

For the most part, Destiny's Child lives up to its reputation as being the Supremes or Pointer Sisters of the new millennium. However, it is not quite like Diana Ross's return to the Supremes. This album is not the reunion of a super-group, but it does have potential.

This group can sing and shout and sound both strong and sexy. But their sweet, classic vocals can sometimes get a bit overwhelmed by their powerhouse, Beyonce. The other girls' voices become buried by her sultry, yet larger-than-life one.

Throughout the album, the harmonies sounds great and a few cuts stand out like ights in the dark. I'd say that with this album, the group's Destiny's Fulfilled.

> Raquel Hill Life Editor



# Linkin Park and Jay-Z Collision Course

Mash up: (verb) to take elements of two or more pre-existing pieces of music and combine them to make a new song. This definition is from urbandictionary.com and is the focus of a new collaboration between the Alternative band Linkin Park and Rap artist Jay-Z, titled Collision Course.

The six-song album contains a bonus DVD with live performances and production footage. The tracks grew on me after I put a technical issue behind me - more on that later. I actually liked the songs; they combine popular Jay-Z and Linkin Park tracks to create something that some will

hate and some will love. I'm going to be honest. I'm a bigger fan of Linkin Park than of Jay-Z, and I found this a little hard to listen to at first. His lyrics don't always sound right with the music of Linkin Park, and vice versa. Hearing "Papercut" over the music of

"Big Pimpin" sounds very odd, but at the same time, it works. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder" over "Lying From You" doesn't work so well because the lyrics and music are not a perfect match.

About the only song that seems to stand out on its own is the heavily played 'Numb/Encore." That's my biggest gripe about this album; it just seems that more time was spent on this one song than the rest of the album. It's as though this was recorded in a studio specifically for this album, not like it was two old tracks mashed together to create a new one.

Overall, I think this album is all right. It's definitely one that needs to be listened to before it is purchased. There is no way to really decide from a review whether this is a CD to buy or not. It just has to be

I enjoyed it, and it was a worthwhile buy; however, it won't be going into the regular playlist on my iPod.

> Chris Reich Graphics Editor



#### Gwen Stefani Love.Angel.Music.Baby. 公公公公公 (originality, style) ☆☆ (listening pleasure)

Gwen Stefani's status in the popular music world has been demoted from "Ska Queen" to "Ghettofabulous Wannabe." As much as I really like the girl herself, I'm not sure if this was the correct path for the Queen.

The brand new album "Love.Angel.Music.Baby" is Stefani's first attempt to go solo. It reveals that this is not an album she could have made with a group. It's too poppy and club-centric. The album is fashion-obsessed and too weird to be a No Doubt record.

The album begins with "What You Waiting For?" which is the first single of the album. It's fun. That's about all a listener can tell from the song. As long as it is fun, it will sell, and that is why many of Stefani's loyal fans will purchase the album-for a fun song. She

starts out with soft, sultry vocals, then a dominant techno beat jumps in. The tune reminds me of a 2001 Weezer single (guess which one!). The song is rather amusing. Her vocals remind me of an early Madonna and then surprise me with lyrics like "take a chance you stupid 'ho'."

The second song on the album I would rate as a five on a scale of one to 10. It is a modern rendition of the classic "If I Were a Rich Man" from the Broadway play "Fiddler On The Roof" and entitled none other than "If I Were a Rich Girl." Rapper, Eve, even comes in to add a little "flava." Its Arabic sounds make it fun and something to bob your head to. But remember, you are not a doll on a station-wagon dashboard.

A hard-stomping beat with no melody comes in the third track,"Hollaback Girl." The Neptunes-inspired pulses mixes newwave charm with old-school anthem rap for an outcome that is

phenomenally funky.

The rest of the album is more of a blur until track six. Remember R. Kelly's "I don't see nothing wrong with a little bump and grind?" Stefani's power-grinding ballad, "Luxurious," is sexy and makes the listener think of nothing more

than dirty thoughts. Stefani's determined desire to get her own patchwork style together while still clinging to her new wave chic and urban goddess personas can be both fascinatingly odd and irresistible. No matter how hard she tries, she is not a cultural pioneer like Madonna. Unlike Madonna, she gladly adjusts to and admires her colleagues instead of forcing herself to become one of them.

This fashion-inspired album gets two different ratings from me: a 5 stars for originality and style, and 2 stars for listening pleasure.

> Raquel Hill Life Editor

#### Fashionable FOCUS Raquel Hill

### Boots that make me go "UGG!"

Ugly: (adj.) displeasing to the senses and morally revolting. Pretty simple and well-known

definition, right? Ok, so what's the definition for "UGGS?" I would say that it's pretty darn close to the same one for "ugly."

#### A little UGG History

UGG Boots originated in Australia earlier this century when World War I pilots were pictured wearing their fleece-lined "Fug Boots" (Presumably flying ugg boots!). Blue Mountain Uggs go back to 1933 with sheep shearers finding them cozy and warm, and in the late 1950's, Mortel's Sheepskin Factory began producing a line of "ugh boots." Their original ugg boot style was very basic - essentially two pieces of sheepskin in the shape of a boot joined together down the center-front and back with a soft sole attached to the bottom. They didn't even have hard soles, so they were really no more that a posh sock. Then in the late 1960s, Australian surfers decided it was real cosy to jump out of the surf and into a pair of sheepskin boots to help get

#### Uggs arrive in the USA UGG boots made their first

USA appearance in the 1970s

when California surfers took to

warming their feet with these lovely soft boots after riding the waves in the cold waters of the UGGs then lurked around the counterculture scene throughout the 1970s, mostly as a ski or sport shoe. But they could rarely be seen east of the Mississippi. They disappeared from the mainstream in the 1980s and didn't reappear until Pamela Anderson began wearing a pair regularly on "Baywatch" in the early 1990s. This put UGGs back on the scene but didn't make them an overnight success - probably because not many TV viewers ever looked at Pamela Ander-

#### Giving UGGs 'the boot'

It really perturbs me that the fashion-sense of our southern society has taken in a style made especially for snowy, winter weather. Is it that snowy or that wintery here in northern/central Louisiana? That would be a great, big NO! The coldest the temperature has been this fall/winter, (if you want it call it that) has been, at lowest, 45 degrees Fahrenheit. So why do I see girls, and some

guys, wearing these hideous Abominable Snowman shoes around campus? Out curiosity, I asked a

girl why she decided to purchase them, and she replied with, "I saw them in Vogue, and they looked comfortable."

Um, I really must say that if your entire wardrobe consists of things straight from Vogue, you may be missing a few links in the ol' brain chain. Don't get me wrong; I read Vogue and think their

style tips and fashion photo-

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# She's back with a bang: B

### Latest 'Bridget Jones' sequel in theaters now

Samantha Foley British accent, voluptuous shape

Are you a scatterbrained, hopeless romantic who uses profanity to deal with problems or merely converse with friends or family? You make lemonade." may be a real life Bridget Jones.

In "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" Renee Zellweger gives a fabulous performance by giving viewers a taste of pure reality in Helen Fielding's sequel to "Bridget Jones' Diary." In this romantic comedy, Fielding and Zellweger do a fabulous job of humanizing the character Bridget Jones by presenting her as astonishingly cute, quirky and pleasantly plump.

She could easily be the girl next door or someone sitting next to you in class. Bridget relies on nicotine, vodka and the wisdom of three friends, whose advice can be dangerous, when she is in a relationship slump. Throughout the movie she is jealous of her boyfriend, Mark Darcy's professional relationship with his colleague Rebecca. She assumes that Rebecca's girly looks and perfect bod will eventually consume the mind of Mark, ridding him of her love.

In a triumphant voyage to once again find and keep her prince charming, Bridget runs into some minor difficulties. This includes her second encounter with the sly, ex from hell Daniel Clever. With her film.

Sauce Reporter and knowledge of pop culture, Bridget exemplifies the phrase "when life throws lemons,

While in Thailand for workrelated reasons, Bridget is arrested. She is held in a foreign jail cell for days with at least thirty other female felons.

By the end of her stay, she has traded her pink bra for cigarettes and taught her foreign roommates a routine to Madonna's "Like a Virgin."

Mark Darcy, played by Colin Firth is the same conservative, uptight lawyer from the first film who will fight to proclaim his love for Bridget. Mark's rival, the very handsome and cunning Daniel Clever, played by Hugh Grant, once again uses his conniving personality to re-enter Bridget's life and create a whirlwind of confu-

The movie ends with wedding bells, but the bride is not Bridget. I must say that the décor of the wedding is hilarious. I laughed the entire time I was watching this

Roger Ebert did not do the movie justice when he grant. ed it only three stars. From the eyes of one of your peers, the movie def. initely is a "must Sign female o'Nea ula- More tion. Drew me! Males, from I one with the never- some ending stigma of Gaspa "chick flick." Nev- good i ertheless, boys, if that w you are brave, take except my advice and Hen give this movie a gander. For more informa- has co tion, visit brid- the Re

graphs are beautiful and unique, but what readers have to understand is that your style has to ALSO fit the environment in which you live. If you live in the Arctic, you wouldn't wear a halter-top just cause it's what Vogue says is stylish, would you? So why wear Eskimo shoes made for sub-zero conditions here in the Sportsman's Paradise? Thank the Southern humidity. Thank the 70 degree fall weather. Thank El Niño and global warm-

The Alternatives Not only are the looks of these boots simply ridiculous, the price of them is just as absurd. \$150 for a pair of boots that will be out of style next season? If you have to have a pair of really expensive leather Prada ankle boots or Gucci's new line of knee-high pointers. These styles are classic, and you can wear them for just about any winter from here on out.

comfort aspect, do yourself a favor. earned get a new pair of fuzzy-bunny slip- Area, pers. They're cute, they're fluffy, an All and you don't have to go out of the house to wear them.

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# : Baseball inks new players

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e def. NSU head baseball coach Mitch tely Gaspard has announced the signerves ing of six players to a National u 1 Letter of Intent for the 2006 sea-

stars.

must Signing with the Demons are for pitchers Heath Hennigan of h e pineville High School, Justin emale O'Neal from Ruston High School, pop Taylor Keith out of St. Thomas ula. More High School in Lafayette, tion. Drew Brown out of Panola Junior ust College and Frasier Robinson Males, from Bossier Parish Community o u College.

a, y Also signing was infielder Westhis ley Turner from Eunice High

as school.

with "We felt like we needed to meet never- some pitching needs to fill," said na of Gaspard. "We got some very Nev-good in-state high school players bys, if that were being sought after some e, take exceptional programs."

and Hennigan and O'Neal standout vie a among the group.

Hennigan is a 6-6 righty who orma- has compiled an 18-6 record as brid- the Rebels' ace at Pineville. He's a edge- two-time 3-4A all-district and All-Cenla performer with a fastball that clocks in the 85-90 range.

"He's got the premier pitching body," said Gaspard of his 6-6 frame. "He's got three pitches that will find the strike zone." O'Neal is a lefty that will also be used at firstbase or the out-

The six-footer from Ruston favor. earned first team All-District, All-

member in 2004 after hitting .399 while striking out 53 batters in 36 innings pitched.

Robinson, a transfer from BPCC and a native of Ottawa, Canada, will give the Demons more of an intimidating look on the mound with his 6-5 structure. As a freshman, he compiled a 4-3 record, tossing 61 innings and striking out 51 batters.

Brown is a 6-4 RHP from Spring, Texas. As a freshman at Panola, he compiled a 3-0 record.

"O'Neal is definitely one that will be able to step in and have an immediate impact," said Gaspard. "He can do a lot of things, whether we have him on the mound or at the plate, he's a tremendous athlete.

Robinson is another lefty that will fit well in our rotation. He's got three got pitches that he'll be able to set the hitters up on while Keith has a lot of ability and will probably be used as a set up man while he is young."

Turner, the only true position player signed by the Demons, will be used to play the middle infield, either second or shortstop. He earned All-District honors at Eunice, hitting .390 his jun-

"He's got great arm strength," said Gaspard of Turner. "He can also hit the ball, but his defense is his strength. He's one of those hard-nosed players that will get to the ball wherever it is hit.

I'm just real excited about this class. The coaches did an outy slip- Area, All-NE Louisiana and was standing job and we were able to fluffy an All-State Honorable Mention get some kids from the area."

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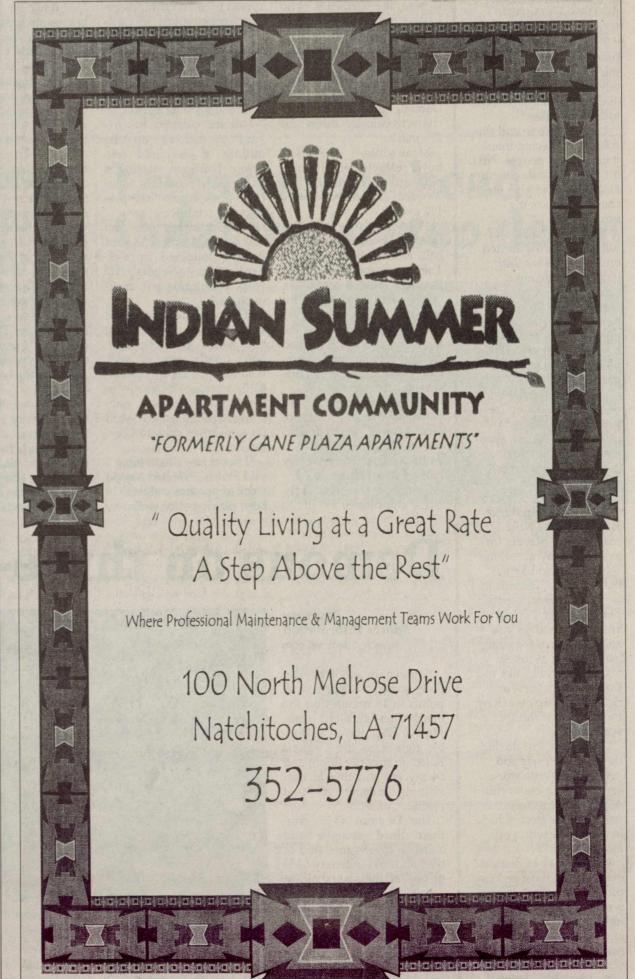
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**Patrick** West The Way I See It

### An era ends

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Well, graduation is upon us and this is my last column of my collegiate writing career. I cannot believe this day is already here and I hope for the last five semesters I have entertained you with my column.

I also hope I did an adequate job of covering all sports and I kept the student body informed about all NSU athletics, and I apologize for leaving any sports uncovered. I tried my best all these semesters.

Last Saturday something happened that I did not want to see-another blow out against Montana. That place is our kryptonite.

No matter how good the Demons are, we stink in Missoula, Mont. I am still scratching my head at the Division I-AA playoff committee for making us go up there and letting Sam Houston State have a home playoff game as a wild card. I was literally nauseated while watching the football game.

While writing for the Current Sauce, I have seen the Demons basketball team go to the NCAA Tournament along with the Lady Demons' championship run and now the Demon football team's championship.

I will surely miss this place and the hard working athletes and coaches who strive for perfection and bring championships to Natchitoches.

I would like to end this column by saying thank you to a few people. First off, thanks Linda for convincing Rob to give me a chance. You are my unsung hero.

Thanks to Kaleb and Rob who got me started on the sports writing path and gave me a chance to excel.

Also thanks to all the professors for answering my questions and putting up with all of my crap while I wrote for the paper.

I also have to say thanks to Mr. Doug Ireland and NSU Sports Information for always arranging interviews or helping me whenever I needed it.

Also, thanks to Athletics Director Greg Burke, along with the NSU coaches and players for answering my questions.

I would also like to thank Cheryl Thompson for being a great sports photographer. I could always depend on you and I am sorry for being hard on you at times.

Lastly, I would like to thank Josh Barrios, a close friend that stuck by me for four of the six semesters.

I was truly lost during the week without you helping me write stories or just telling me to chill out when I was upset. I wish you the best of luck in the future with your

I would like to dedicate everything I have accomplished in my collegiate writing to my grandmother who I truly miss and passed away during my second semester as a writer

You never know what will happen.



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Serivce The NSU Purple Swarm Defense try and stop a Montana Grizzly running back in last Saturday's playoff game. The Demons did not fare well in Missoula, Mont., losing 56-7.

# **NSU** mauled by Montana

Courtesy **Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

NSU brought the top- on six snaps to grab the lead ranked defense in Division on its first series of the I-AA football into Saturday's first-round playoff matchup with Montana, but it was the Grizzlies who looked the part while blasting the visiting Demons 56-

Montana (10-2) ran for 268 yards, nearly four times the average yield by the Demons, and the Grizzlies characteristically threw for 275 more.

Meanwhile, NSU(8-4) never established its running attack, managing just 75 yards rushing and only 177 overall.

"They won the battle up front on both sides of the ball, and it all starts there. They manhandled us," said Demons' coach Scott Stoker. "Give credit to Montana for making the plays, but we were pretty pitiful with the missed tackles, missed assignments, mental errors and physical mistakes. This was embarrassing."

The Grizzlies got 171 yards rushing and a school record-tying four touch-downs (24, 61, 30 and 2 yards) on just 14 carries by tailback Lex Hilliard.

three touchdowns (11, 9 and Montana covered 54 yards

game, scoring on Hilliard's 24-yard burst. The Grizzlies doubled the spread on their third posses-

sion, covering just 35 yards after an interference penalty on a punt return at midfield gave them a short field and beat them 56-7, but we've led to Levandar Segars' 11- been playing awfully well of yard TD catch with 3:27 to go in the opening period.

Hilliard popped his 61yard touchdown up the middle of the field 6:46 before halftime, starting a string of five straight Montana possessions that produced touchdowns.

The Griz capped the first half with a 13-play, 58-yard drive culminated by a 9yard Ochs-to-Segars TD with six seconds left, making it 28-0.

Hilliard added two more scores on Montana's first two series after the half. NSU finally crossed midfield for the first time down 42-0, moving 75 yards in eight plays for its only points, scoring on a 10-yard Davon Vinson pass to Clayton Broyles.

"I never saw this coming," said Stoker. "We had a good Colorado transfer Craig week of practice and we had be decided by the offensive

passes for 234 yards and the last three weeks. Today was a bad time, in this stadium against a team that is peaking right now, to play as badly as we did.'

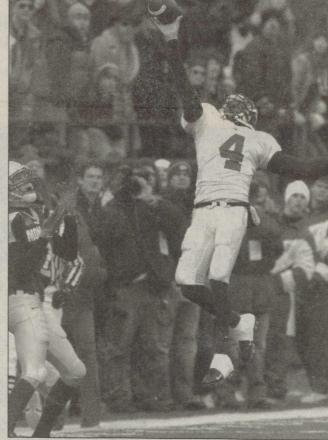
Grizzlies coach Bobby Hauck was very pleasantly surprised by his team's blowout win.

"I think we did play our best game today, we played very well," he said. "Obviously I didn't believe we'd late. It's a confident team that's playing extremely well. Our tempo was better than theirs today.

"I said on the radio this morning that Northwestern State was one of several teams that really had a shot at running the table and winning the national championship. I gained great respect for them watching their film this week," said Hauck. "That tells you how well we played today."

Montana's Ochs said scouting the Demons' topranked Purple Swarm defense provided all the incentive the Grizzlies need-

"Watching the film we were all very impressed by those guys, and we had tremendous focus in practice this week," said Ochs. "We knew the game would Ochs completed 19 of 30 been playing very well over line, and kudos to the big



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service Demon junior cornerback David Pittman jumps up and tips the attempted pass away from the Grizzly receiver Saturday.

had their best game of the year today."

The final total was the most points allowed by the Demons since 1951. The 49point margin of defeat was also the worst for NSU in 53

"We couldn't get off the us having our worst day."

guys up front, because they blocks and get to the quarterback," said Demons' junior linebacker Paul Mefford, who had a game-high 14 tackles. "We didn't do our jobs, and Montana did a great job blocking us. I think it was a combination of them having a great day and

# Demons on three-game win streak

Courtesy **Sports Information** www.nsudemons.com

Sophomore guard Keenan Jones scored a career-best 20 points in 16 minutes off the bench Tuesday night, leading five NSU players in double figures as the Demons relied on superior depth and 54 percent shooting to beat visiting Centenary 83-76 at Prather Coliseum.

The Demons (3-2) won their third straight and ended a three-game skid at the hands of Centenary (0-3) in one of the state's oldest active college basketball rivalries, dating back 131 games and 83 years.

The contest marked the midpoint of a five-game homestand for Northwestern, which is back in action Wednesday night at 6:30



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce Sophomore forward Jermaine Spencer attempts a layup in Tuesday's game against the Centenary Gents. The Demons won 83-76.

against Jarvis Christian and plays host to Tulane at 6:30

Jones sank five of six shots from the field and drained 10 of 13 free throws in his

Junior guard Jermaine Wallace scored 15, while junior forward Clifton Lee had 11 points and eight rebounds and sophomore forward Jermaine Spencer added 11 points and seven rebounds.

man added 10 points and three steals in 21 minutes off the bench as the Demons used 10 players for at least 13 minutes.

"I thought our rotation helped keep Centenary at bay," said sixth-year Northwestern coach McConathy. "They're so well coached by Kevin Johnson that they just wouldn't go away. We tried to deliver the knockout punch and just couldn't close the door on them because they played so hard and so smart.

NSU led 40-31 at halftime, taking the lead for good during a 14-4 burst over four minutes to go ahead 29-22 after three free throws from Jones, who scored the last seven points in that run.

The Demons quickly Freshman Colby Barge- moved up 14 points, 45-31, less than two minutes into the second half but the Gentlemen battled back within five, 52-47, with 12:23 to go.

NSU got a three-point play by Wallace with 8:43 left to push it back to a 16point lead, 68-52. Centenary got no closer than the final seven-point margin after-

NSU hit better than 50 percent from the field for the third straight game, making 28 of 52 shots.

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

#### BASKETBALL **Demons to** face Tulane

There's a big entertain. ment menu and a couple o ticket discounts available for the historic matchup Monday night in Prathe Coliseum between visiting Tulane and coach Mike McConathy's NSU Demons basketball team.

The 6:30 p.m. game Monday will mark Tulane's first trip to Natchitoches for a basketball game, and the first time a Conference USA member school has visited Prather Coliseum.

Tulane is the most prominent basketball program to play at Northwestern in several seasons, since the CAMPUS Alford-coached Englis Southwest Missouri Bears visited Prather Coliseum in nat 1996 and Colorado State coached by Boyd Grant, visited NSU in 1990.

"Getting the chance to play Tulane on our home court is a coup for Coach McConathy and our basketball program," said NSU athletic director Greg Burke The Nicola "We are hoping for the same kind of home court advantage that carried our Lady Demons to the Southland Conference Tournament championship when they "I was t played three home games in named a March Madness last season, "Having n and a key part of that is get are on the ting a big crowd out to gratifying Prather Coliseum Monday they liked night."

Any adult who shows an of verse p admission bracelet from endar year Saturday's Natchitoches poets, wh Christmas Festival will geta for the pri \$1 discount at Monday night's game.

Anybody, adult or student, who donates a toy to Ceren the Natchitoches Are Jaycees "Toys for Tots" col reside lection drive Monday night Groundb at Prather Coliseum will University also get a \$1 discount, drop Jan. 26 at ping prices to \$5 for adult Health and and \$4 for students ages 5 invited to

Children under 5 are admitted free along with after the s current NSU students pr senting university ID cards

The full complement of Northwestern spirit groups will be performing at the game: the NSU Pep Band the NSU Cheerleaders, the The com-Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line ming pool and the Demon Dazzlers.

The popular local band include a l Johnny Earthquake and the oper was i Moondogs" will also per ture of the form during the contest sell Hall, V which will be televise statewide to nearly 1 millio Cox Communications cable subscribers on Cox Sport Television.

"This is going to be a great opportunity to showcase Natchitoches and North western to viewers around the state," said Burke. "Co Sports Television will use footage of the Christma Festival and the City Lights and our beautiful campus, and combinin Ocean reg that with a great turnou and an exciting environ ment for college basketba it should be a tremendou experience for everybody the coliseum and quite show for viewers aroun the state."

The Southland Confe ence champion Demon fool ball team will be recognized at halftime. Special activitie for NSU students will staged during TV timeou with prize giveaways.

Full ticket prices for the game are \$6 for adults at \$5 for students ages 5-1 For ticket orders, call the NSU Athletic Ticket Offic at 318-357-4268 from 8 a.n. 5 p.m. on weekdays. Cred card orders are accepted.

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Julie Kane, an associate professor of English at Northwestern State University, has been named a finalist for one of the major prizes in American poetry, The Poets' Prize for the Best Collection of American Poetry.

A prize of \$3,000 will be awarded to the winner during a ceremony on May 19 at reg Burke. The Nicolas Roerich Museum in New York.

Kane, a previous winner of the National Poetry Open our Lady Series Competition, was honored for her collection "Rhythm & Booze," which was published by the Univerurnament sity of Illinois Press.

hen they "I was thrilled to be nominated for this award. Being games in named a finalist is like icing on the cake," said Kane. st season, "Having my book read by the distinguished poets who hat is get are on the award committee is enough for me. It is d out to gratifying to know that they voted for my work because Monday they liked it.

The Poets' Prize is awarded annually for the best book shows an of verse published by an American in the previous calelet from endar year. The prize money is donated by 20 U.S. chitoches poets, who also serve as judges and nominate works will geta for the prize.

Courtesy of NSU News Bureau

#### s a toy to Ceremony to celebrate new Tots" col residence hall groundbreaking

day night Groundbreaking ceremonies for Northwestern State eum will University's new residence hall will be held Wednesday, unt, drop Jan. 26 at 2:30 p.m. off Tarlton Drive next to the for adult Health and Human Performance Building. The public is nts ages 5 invited to attend.

The 380-bed residence hall is scheduled to be comer 5 are plete this fall. Contractors began dirt work at the site ong with after the start of the new year.

Northwestern has selected Century Development lement of Corporation of Houston to build and manage the residence hall. Century Development operates the University Columns Apartments on campus, which were constructed in 1994.

raders, the The complex will include a clubhouse/office, swimn Pon Line ming pool and games area, Internet and cable connec-Pazzlers. tions, laundry facility and parking lot. Each unit will ocal band include a kitchenette and small living area. The develke and the oper was requested to consider the historical architecalso per ture of the campus reflected in buildings such as Ruse contest sell Hall, Warren Easton Hall and Caldwell Hall.

**Courtesy of NSU News Bureau** 

#### tions cable World News Scientists call for system to Warn of approaching tsunamis

Experts confirmed at the U.N. World Conference on nd North Disaster Reduction in Kobe that countries around the ers around Indian Ocean should take primary responsibility for urke. "Co establishing an early tsunami warning system there, will us but that support from the international community Christma Would be forthcoming.

A special session to discuss the introduction of an beautiful early tsunami warning system to cover the Indian combining Ocean regions was held Wednesday, following a proposat turnou al by the Japanese government in response to the environ recent disaster that killed more than 170,000 people.

> The conference is being attended by tsunami and meteorological experts from the countries affected by the recent disaster and other countries.

ers around The participants agreed to set up within the next six months a provisional tsunami warning system in the regions using an existing warning center in Hawaii. d Confer

They plan to use existing telecommunications systems and current seismic and sea level data obtained in the al activitie

> They also agreed that a permanent tsunami warning system should be launched within two years. The report will be submitted to a plenary session scheduled for this morning.

**Courtesy of KRT Campus** 

Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce

# Yesterday's prepares for future

Local bar gears up for relocation

By Cheryl Thompson Sauce Reporter

Yesterday's, a popular bar for many NSU students, is improvements while trying to day's, Leta Pridgen said.

keep the same atmosphere that students have known for more than 30 years.

Northwestern students and Natchitoches locals relax at Yesterday's. The popular bar will soon relocate to 1821 South Drive.

The entire shopping center, which includes Yesterday's as well as Natchitoches Music and Feng Cheng, is scheduled to be turned into doctors' offices.

moving and making some here," the manager of Yester-

Pridgen said she was told 28. Dec. 23 that she had to vacate within 30 days, citing a business decision by the owner of the building.

"It was very sudden," Pridgen said.

The new location will be 1821 South Drive. The last "There's so much history night at the current location dance area and more pool has not finalized any plans. will be Jan. 23. Pridgen said tables. she hopes to re-open by Jan.

A major complaint that customers have had with the current location is poor ventilation. Pridgen said the new us," Pridgen said. location will be, "bigger, bettion."

Pridgen said she will try to

Department head Colavito to step down

change Yesterday's as little as possible. The bar will have the same drink specials.

"Tiki Bowl is coming with

Pridgen said she would be

ter and [with] better ventila- trying to add some new events such as Greek Night It will also have a larger and a Karaoke Night, but she

One problem students have ■ See Bar, page 2

### Few ULS students request tsunami tuition waivers

**By Elaine Broussard** 

Editor in Chief

Officials of the University of Louisiana System voted to offer tuition relief to students from countries affected by the Dec. 26 tsunami that struck the Indian Ocean region. But so far only a handful have applied for the help.

The board that oversees the System's eight schools on Jan. 7 granted the schools authority to offer full or partial tuition waivers to students from Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand who were affected by the tsunami. Waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

A press release from the System office claimed that about 780 students from these countries attend ULS schools. This figure is based on statistics from fall 2003 and is the most recent figure the System office can provide, said Catherine Heitman, the System's director of communications.

Yvette Williams, associate

registrar for admissions, said there are no students from these countries at NSU.

A check of the four schools with the largest population of students from the affected areas showed that only five students have asked for assistance so far. All five attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The other three schools are Louisiana Tech University, the University of Louisiana at Monroe and McNeese State University.

Officials at the four schools said about 885 students are from the affected countries. Louisiana Tech leads with 436, while ULL has 335, ULM has 60 and McNeese has 54.

Rose Honegger, interim director of the office of international affairs at ULL, said the affected students' families were not physically harmed by the disaster, but they have been financially

"They may not have lost any family members, but ■ See **Tsunami**, page 2 By Ashley Gordon Sauce Reporter

The Department of Language and Communications will be under new authority

come August 2005. Assistant professor of English Joseph "Rocky" Colavito will resign as department head this fall. Colavito said this decision is based on personal issues, and it was completely his choice.

"I don't want to put myself in the position where I have to give the job of being department head less attention because of these issues," Colavito said. Despite rumors, he assures

faculty and students that he will still be a part of the English Department.

"I am not going anywhere but down the hall," Colavito said.

Colavito turned in his intent to resign and announced his decision to the department last December. He intends to work through the academic year and through the summer until



"I intend to make sure that

English major Ann Coleman takes notes as Rocky Colavito teaches his Tuesday night Film and Narrative class. The class is discussing the film Freaks.

Aug. 15 as department head. At that point the new department head will take over. Colavito said there are cur-

rently no candidates for the position, but candidates will be chosen with the help of the department.

"As far as I know the job has not been advertised yet," Colavito said.

Colavito has been department head for five years.

He also plans to make the transition very smooth.

there will be no surprises for the faculty," Colavito said. "I hope to leave the department in as good a condition as I can leave it in.' Colavito says there will be

advantages to not being a 12month faculty member. "I'm working on reinvent-

ing myself as a film studies person," he said.

Colavito said this is not a sad departure and that he

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# **NSU** grad returns to give recital

By Kyle Shirley News Editor

Mezzo-soprano opera singer Sherwood White Katherine returned to NSU Tuesday night to perform in Natchitoches for the first time since her graduation five

Along with her husband bassbaritone Edward White, Jr. and piano accompanist Betsy Allums Widhalm, Katherine performed classic Italian, German and American love songs and opera excerpts for a crowd of about 60 professors and students in Magale Recital

Katherine, who earned her bachelor's degree in vocal performance from NSU in 1999, said she was a "little nervous" she might lose her concentration while performing for her old instructors and friends.

"I have a bad habit of really seeing an audience and being like 'oh, there's such and such. Where am I in the music?'" Katherine said. "But this is a great hall to sing in, and of course I'm on stage with my partner and our accompanist who we really trusted."

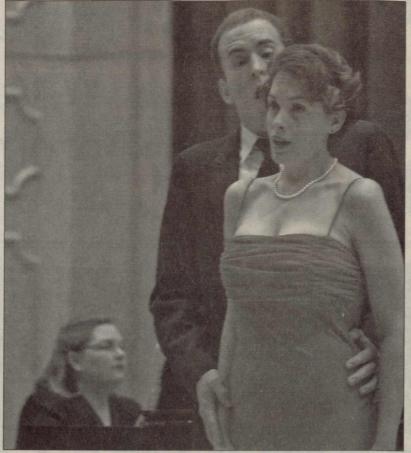
Katherine said she began her vocal studies at NSU under associate professor of voice Phyllis Siegler, and the two still work together over summer breaks.

'I've had lessons with many teachers in my life, but I always come back to the basics with her because she was my first teacher," Katherine said. "I understand her language and she understands mine, and she can really keep my voice growing."

Siegler said she was pleased Katherine returned to give the

"Kay studied with me five years, and she's been gone five years," Siegler said. "So it's always nice to have alumni come back and let us... see their progress.'

After graduating from NSU, Katherine moved to Austin to pursue her master's degree in vocal



Leslie Westbrook/ the CURRENT SAUCE

NSU alumna Katherine Sherwood White performs a duet with her husband Edward White, Jr. Tuesday night in Magale Recital Hall. Pianist Betsy Allums Wid-

performance at the University of Texas. Edward said he was working on the same degree when he met Katherine through the school's music department.

After earning their degrees, the couple moved to Kentucky together to continue their education in the University of Kentucky's doctoral vocal performance program.

Edward said he and Katherine have sung together in church choirs, operas, musical theater productions, oratorios and recitals. The couple currently lives in New Orleans, where they sing in churches and direct a children's choir while taking a break from their studies.

After finishing their doctoral degrees, Katherine and Edward the music."

plan to pursue careers in teaching vocal performance at the university level somewhere in the South-

"We like the South; liberal southern cities," Katherine said. "We're just looking for a place that's culturally growing... (where) we can contribute to the cultural community and sing and bring joy to people through music.'

Siegler said she has always been confident in Katherine's abilities.

"She's gone an extra mile. She was always inquisitive, so I knew she'd make it," Siegler said. "And as a duo, a husband and wife team is just a perfect scenario for both of them. You can see that they tell us their story as well as the story of

### Construction begins on new dorm

By Shannon Harper Sauce Reporter

Construction of the new residence hall, which will be located between the Health and Performance Education Building and the understand that the new residence Teachers Education Building, hall will be good for Northwestern. began Jan. 10.

Chris Sampite, Director of the Physical Plant, said students should expect minor traffic problems for the duration of the project.

The speed limit on Tarlton Drive has been reduced to 15 mph, and the access road from Sabine Hall to the TEC parking lot is now closed.

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A new road, accessing Tarlton temporary route north of the con-Drive, is being built but will not be used until after the project is com-

Students are upset over these current traffic situations, but many

those who live in the University Columns. Kori Escalon, a sophomore social work major, said "I feel bad for

those people. They have to drive all the way around to get to classes."

Walking access to the TEC building has also been altered. A new

struction site has been created, so students should take the sidewalk north of Iberville, then west to the TEC building. Students are asked not to walk down Tarlton Drive to access the TEC building or the Students are also sympathetic to H&PE building.

Completion of the final building is expected to be sometime late

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their parents may have been paying for their tuition, and their sources of income may be affected," Honegger said. "We are currently in the process of evaluating

Daniel Erickson, international student office director at Louisiana Tech, said that as far as he knows. the most closely affected student at Tech is a Sri Lankan Ph.D. student whose wife lost an uncle and two

There are 430 Indian students at Louisiana Tech, but none are from areas of India directly hit by the tsunami, Erickson said.

"Most of our Indian students are from Andhra Pradesh, a province which is a little further up the coast than the area that was affected," he

ULM International Student Office Director Mara Loeb said students from the affected regions do not typically attend ULM.

"However, we did have some former students from Sri Lanka who had gone home to Sri Lanka for the holidays. They were so darling. They called us to reassure us that they were okay and not in affected areas," Loeb said.

Preble Girard is the director of international student affairs at McNeese.

"I've gone out of my way to call students who I thought might have been impacted, and most of the students were not from areas immediately impacted," Girard

However, she said that other factors may be taken into account in the future when determining if students would need financial assis-

"Indonesian students, for example, have been concerned about currency fluctuations and things that are somewhat indirect but certainly have an impact on a student's ability to stay in the United States," Girard said.

According to the UL System office, the individual universities in the System have not yet been asked to report how many directly affected students have come forward. The plan to ask for these reports was not addressed in the Board of Supervisors' resolution but is likely to happen, Heitman

The eight schools in the UL System are NSU, ULL, ULM, Louisiana Tech, McNeese, Grambling State University, Nicholls State University and Southeastern Louisiana University.

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enjoyed working as department

"I would like to thank the faculty and staff of the Department of Language and Communication for being the absolute epitome of professionalism," he said. "They have given of themselves in the pursuit

of making things better for the institution.

Whoever ends up taking the job is going to be a very lucky individual to be working with people I've had the pleasure of working with for the last five years," he said.

### **NSU Police Blotter**

1:52 p.m.

There was a wreck involving a red Camaro and a red Sunfire. Both vehicles suffered minor dam-

7:35 p.m.

A student's father called requesting an officer at Sabine for his daughter who was being threatened by non-students involved in a fight that occurred earlier in the day off campus.

1-11-05 12:11 p.m.

There was a call about students stuck in an elevator on the third floor of Kyser. The fire department responded.

1-12-05 11:49 a.m.

The City Marshall's Office called requesting an officer to pick up a student in Vic's who had active warrants.

4:24 p.m.

Columns about a drug violation. An officer was dispatched to speak with the subject who had paraphernalia in his possession.

11:40 a.m.

A call came in from Red River Sanitors about a disturbance between two employees. When an officer arrived, the situation was under control.

12:24 p.m.

A call came in about a person in the Rapides parking lot having a seizure. The fire department and an ambulance responded. The person was treated at the scene and transported to the Natchitoches Parish hospital.

9:11 p.m.

A woman from the city police department called about a 911 hang up call from an apartment in the Columns. Two officers were dispatched. They talked with the subjects who denied making the call and gave them warnings.

3:10 p.m.

There was a call from the hous-A call came in from the ing office about a theft. An officer was dispatched. The student was actually getting a voucher out of her backpack, not putting a book

The stop sign at Tarlton Dr. and College Ave. was knocked down. 1-15-05

1:43 a.m.

A student called in a medical emergency at Sabine. An ambulance responded. The ambulance had yet to arrive at 1:58 a.m. A second call was made.

12:15 p.m.

A call came in from the front desk of Sabine. A student was having an asthma attack and requested an ambulance.

1-16-05

1:21 a.m.

An officer responded to a call about screaming at the Columns. The officer knocked on the door but no one answered. The CA suggested that the door be kicked in. Everything was fine and everyone was advised to leave.

1-17-05 12:30 p.m.

A call came from Sabine about a medical emergency. An ambu-

Elizabeth Bolt

### NSU 22 shuts down for semester

By Warren Hayes Sauce Reporter

NSU 22's production will be delayed this semester because of studio installations planned to be finished in April, excluding the time needed for employees to learn the new technology.

Students will not see the usual news, weather and sports updates because of the time needed to switch from analog to digital equipment.

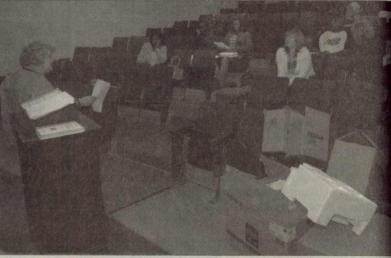
David Antilley, director of NSU 22, says the journalism department is waiting on the equipment needed to complete the transfer.

"The problem the department Mary Brocato lectures a group of journalism students amidst packing materials has is that we can't connect the cameras and other equipment to the control room," Antilley said. "Without the proper cables, the cameras won't operate. We are trying to re-cable the entire control

NSU 22 will also upgrade its weather system.

"We've negotiated with Weather Central for a new weather system," Roy Davis, chief engineer of the journalism department, said. "They will re-vamp our old weather system."

Weather Central will provide NSU 22 with two satellites; one for data and the other for video. With the new technology, NSU 22 will receive live weather data every 10



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from new camera equipment. to 15 minutes. The satellites will ment is a great addition to the Uni-

also provide moving radar of local and national weather.

Students considering broadcast journalism have nothing to worry about. Antilley says that current journalism students will continue their broadcast concentration without any problem.

"Journalism students will continue to shoot and edit packages," Antilley said. "The only bad thing about the upgrade is that they

won't be able to do news casts." When the equipment is installed, there will be a new learn-

ing process. Senior broadcast major Jon something new." Turnipseed said the new equip-

versity, but he hates the necessary time to install everything. The new equipment will help

advance the journalism department because everyone will get their own camera in class instead of sharing one," Turnipseed said. "I hate the delay because I am a graduating senior, and I want a lot of on-air experience."

When installations are complet ed, it will take the department three weeks to learn how to operate the new equipment," Antilley said. "Besides, the journalism students will have fun and learn

with the move is that the new location will be less convenient.

"The reason it's so wonderful is because it's so close," Senior Brian Jarreau said. "It's right in the mid-

dle of town." major, said, "You could walk

Junior Shane Stelly said that it will be more inconvenient to go to the new Yesterday's, but he will still be willing to find out if the new location will be worth the

Junior English major Adam Carter said he would go to the new

"I hope the same people come," Carter said. Pridgen said the new location is

Rebecca Quirk, a senior theatre about a mile and a half from the current one on Highway 1 South toward Natchez.

> She doesn't believe the move will have an affect on the business. Many students said Yesterday's was a tradition for them. Quirk said she and her friends used to go

every Friday. She described it as,



Leslie Westbrook/ the CURRENT SAUCE The bar at Yesterday's is a popular hangout for Natchitoches residents.

"the one place where you could go and be who you wanted. It was the only place people felt safe."

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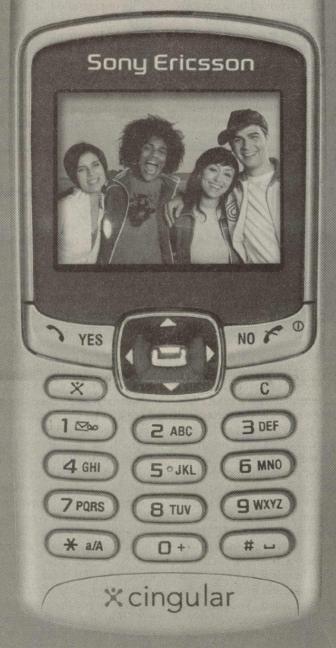
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### Chertoff dangerous pick



By J. Aaron 'Q" Brown

The new head of the Department of Homeland Defense, a 51year-old man named Michael Chertoff, is being promoted to the post from a two-year stint as a federal judge. A graduate of Harvard, he worked at Latham and Watkins, a Washington law firm, for a few years before becoming a federal prosecutor.

He made a name for himself as an attorney in 1986 when Rudy Giuliani put him in charge of the important prosecution of several New York crime families, and he went on to make a lot of friends in the Republican party as an ethics attorney during the scandal-mongering Gingrich years.

From 1994 to 1996, he serve as the government's lead counsel in the Whitewater trial, and in '94 Latham and Watkins took him on again (this time as partner) for several years until he left to pursue work in the Bush Justice Department in 2001.

Chertoff is a disturbing choice for head of the DoHD. The former head was Tom Ridge, a twoterm governor of Pennsylvania who had proven himself a devoted and administratively skilled Bushie, but Chertoff comes from a background as a federal attor-

In his position with the Justice Department, he often served as a judicial attack dog for Ashcroft, and in discussing the war on terror, he has made several rather ominous statements concerning the proper level of government access to Americans' computer files. Longtime friends say that he has very clear ideas about what is right and wrong, a characterization that jibes well with Bush's polarized moral rhetoric, and he has proven himself quite loyal to the administration.

He not only approved but later defended the detention of hundreds of Arab "material witnesses" in the wake of Sept. 11, absolutely none of whom turned out to have been involved. He has since ruled in favor of the ridiculous "security precautions" involved in the case against Zacarias Moussaoui. This includes a completely bogus ruling that the Court could not order the government to produce its star witness because he was outside the country, even though (get this) he was being held in an undisclosed location for reasons of "national security" by the federal government!

Chertoff has also used this interpretation of what constitutes "outside the country" to justify the detainment of the Guantanamo Bay prisoners. For those of you playing the home game, Gauntanamo is a military base, definitively American soil.

The promotion of Condee Rice from security advisor to head of national diplomatic relations is discouraging in and of itself, but in concert with appointees like Chertoff and Alberto "Architect of Abu Ghraib" Gonzales, the new head of the Justice Department, Bush is demonstrating a clear shift in Republican focus. The legal eagles Bush is appointing to every possible position are a clear indication that he intends to reinterpret the law in his second term instead of just flagrantly violating it.

This week's trivia! The Russian phrase for which KGB stands translates roughly to "Committee for State Security," or alternately "Department of Homeland Defense." Other neat trivia, unpublished articles, and delicious primary source materials are available now at i-55.com/~q. Write to saucefiller@gmail.com if you have something to say.

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# THE RIGHT SIDE

# Cash and power topics of hour



By T. Hargis

The Associated Press ranked the Chinese government's donations to the victims of December's tsunami seventh among Asian countries. It makes you wonder about the attitude and nature of the only major world power that employs a centralized communist government. It also casts a vision of how a world could have responded to this disaster had communism spread like the Soviets intended.

China, which has the world's fastest growing economy, had almost been choked by a government struggling to maintain

control over it's people. Surprisingly the very people who live under this system have found ways to reach out through private donations that have out pleaded the central government almost 10 to 1 and growing.

This outpouring of freedom and the individual expression of concern are direct results of a free market economy that has reached into the depths of the Chinese society. Americans, along with other people from all over the globe had the ability to provide something, no matter how small, as a show of support to the people who needed it. They had something to share, something to show as a sign of their labor.

In a truly communist system this would not be the case. A governmental authority would tell the people of Sri Lanka how much they "needed" to rebuild. There would be no other avenue and their cries would be drowned out by the sounds of governmental officials bragging as to the success of the communist system.

Big organizations in charge of large amounts of capital are doomed to corruption. Following the Sept. 11 attack, the Red Cross solicited billions of dollars in the name of relief victims, some of whom never saw that money. Some of the funds were funneled elsewhere to other projects having nothing to do with the Sept. 11

This has been remedied but only after questions were raised and investigations followed. The U.N. Oil for Food scandal is another a sign of a big organization with too much power and capital with no oversight. We may never know how many millions were siphoned from the mouths of Iraqis that we now have to feed and provide for with American tax dollars. And all this brings me to the Social Securi-

It must be the sickest joke of my generation that we all love to share. On payday we look at our checks and we see three lovely line items that Uncle Sam took away: FICA, MCARE, SOCSEC.

I have no problem paying my taxes. I know there is waste but at least I know the interstate system doesn't have Louisiana size pot holes and I'm willing to pay for

Medicare is something I personally think should be expanded for all Americans, but that is a column for another day.

When it comes to that Social

Security line, we might as well die young because chances are we will never see it.

I want that money. If I want to invest my few dollars in Microsoft or Wal-Mart, I will have beat the government's return on my dollar by almost 40%. Google it and see how much your social security check would be if you put your money where you would like it invested.

I don't like that my money today is spent on someone else's retirement. I want to decide how much I get when I retire and not have it weighted on the inflation rate. People know how to manage thing their money better than any government or organization and I think it's about time that our Stal- left r inistic Social Security system is changed where society gets a chance to be part of the Social, because I sure as heck don't feel

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# Shatwell shifts focus to social compromise



By Justin

"We cannot remove our respective sections from each other, nor build an impassable wall between them . . . They cannot but remain face to face, and intercourse, either amicable or hostile, must continue between them . . . you cannot fight always; and when, after much loss on both sides, and no gain on either, you cease fighting, the identical old questions as to terms of intercourse are again upon you."

Abraham Lincoln said these words in his first inaugural address as he was inheriting rule of a nation on the brink of civil war. One hundred and forty-four years later, we still find ourselves in a house divided. Though no side is advocating secession, in many ways the divisions are just

as deep as they were in 1861.

You cannot turn on the television these days without being accosted by evidence of the growing sectionalism in our country. Unlike during the Civil War, these divisions do not fall neatly upon geographic lines. Instead, every state, county, and town is divided along lines of liberal or conservative, gay or straight, religious or secular. What's worse is that our would-be leaders are encouraging these divides to harness our fear and hatred to achieve their own goals. It seems that they have forgotten the art of polite discourse.

It is no longer enough for our politicians and TV personalities to disagree with their opponents in a civilized manner and present logical counterarguments. Instead, they climb onto their national soapboxes and spew hateful insults and libelous insinuations at one another. No longer is it possible for two politicians to simply have differing points of view; one must be motivated by some secret

agenda or be accepting bribes from some shadowy entity. No longer is it possible to simply state that you think you opponent is wrong; that person must be a crook, a liar, or pure evil itself.

This semester I have decided to concentrate my column on one topic alone; I will advocate the ongoing struggle to develop a society in which all people can live together in peace, regardless of gender, race, or creed. I wish to make everyone understand that just because someone disagrees with you, it doesn't make them dangerous, evil, or unpatriotic. I denounce the popular belief that every issue can be divided into black versus white.

I encourage people to analyze the grey spaces between us, and through so doing find the compromises that will allow us to live together as a unified national community. I also encourage all those who read my column to join me in discussion and debate on the issues I cover. I only ask that you

do so civilly; insults have never made an argument more convincing and only serve to add personal nition animosity to public issues.

I leave you this week with the words of hope that closed Lincoln's inaugural address. I hope you will enjoy my column this semester, and that you will join me in the search for a viable middle path for our country.

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

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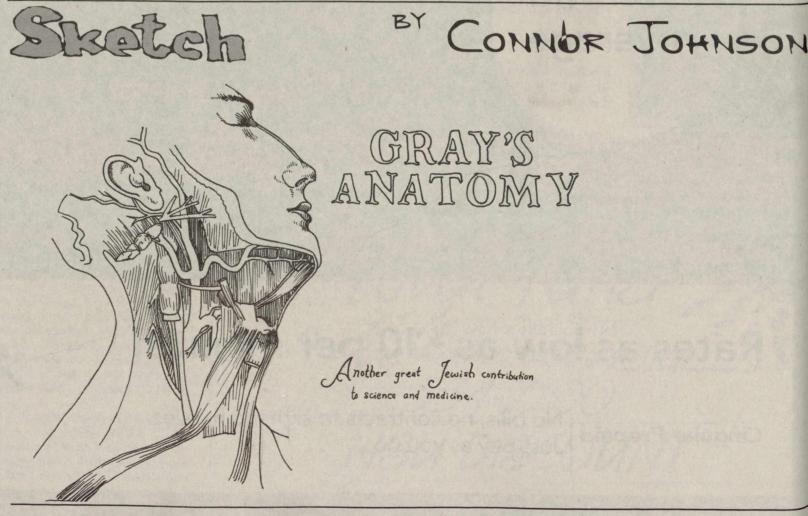
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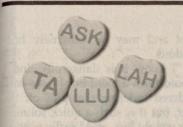
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Since all of the holidays have died down, I am sure it has come to your attention that the months of December and January tend to yield an alarming amount of engagement announcements and promise rings. Whether it's that extra outpouring of love that the holidays bring or that little someo manage thing extra that was poured into the eggnog, no one can deny the rise in women draping that little left ring finger in gold by the end of January.

Now, far be it for me to vilify engagements, this is a time-honored tradition (though it would be interesting to compare the number of engagements that begin in December and mysteriously fizzle out around spring break time), but I do want to talk about a somewhat new and strange trend in relationships promise rings.

The dictionary simply defines a ring as a circular band that is worn around the finger. But as everyone knows a ring, when placed on that left hand, is also a symbol for love, fidelity, etc. To most, this would be a good defil personal nition for a wedding ring. Now, an engagement ring is a promise of commitment, a pledge to get married and fulfill the things symbolized by the wedding

ill join me So then, a promise ring, it must be assumed, is a promise to promise to commit to love someone. Its definition does not sound like very much of a commitment when put that way. Nor, may I remind you is a ring a deterrent for cheating - rings hing from always be removed. (If only there was a way to brand the riot grave taken ones with something land, will unremovable, like forehead tattoos...) Anyway this seems a litne Union tle ridiculous in the way of making a statement about your commitment as a couple. By the time you are in college, if you are ready to make a commitment you should take the plunge and buy the engagement ring. It is the Sauce time to put away the childish promise ring by at least the age

Indeed, the promise ring sounds like something made up by a high school girl to scheme more jewelry out of her boyfriend's (or more likely his parents') bank account. In case you have not noticed, we are no longer in high school. So is this, Possibly, just a fashion statement? Is it the next cool thing that will soon be replaced with a Purse? In other words, if there is little meaning behind this token, except to look fashionable, then that is all it will ever be - a token gesture. Finally, by the time you are married, what could you possibly do with a Promise ring, an engagement ing, a wedding ring, and probably in a few years, an anniversary ring?

So, if you feel the need to buy lewelry for someone, but are not ready to commit, buy a necklace, bracelet, watch or a ring for a finger other than the one on that left hand. This is really not that hard, readers, and this way you could avoid the ridiculous and completely unnecessary promise ring. If you are in a lovng relationship and thoroughly committed to each other, but are not ready for marriage, other people will recognize that. In the nd, you do not need a band of on, contact the gold, platinum or titanium to prove it.

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# 'This year, I'll.

10 random NSU students tell the Sauce their New Year's resolutions

"...drink only three nights a week and have a better GPA."

Cassi Priser, junior liberal arts and psychology major at

"...bring up my

-Charles Guidry, junior public

-Tegan Rymer, freshman

thought and political science

-Salamander Majure, senior

"...get in shape, beat

-Jeff Springman, sophomore

theatre major

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business administration

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"...be in the

newspaper."

"...finally

graduate."

relations major



"...stop being the group fool."

-Kenyetta Jackson, freshman criminal justice major



"...not have any resolutions. I'm happy with the way I am."

> -Robert Wood, junior scientific inquiry major



"...make better grades."

-Twashmika Criff, freshman pre-pharmacy major



"...have everything I do be strictly business oriented - business before pleasure."

> -Christopher Lyons, junior accounting major



"...be a better catholic."

-Jonathon Dubret, sophomore journalism major



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# Tobacco addictions closer than they appear

By Victoria Smith Sauce Reporter

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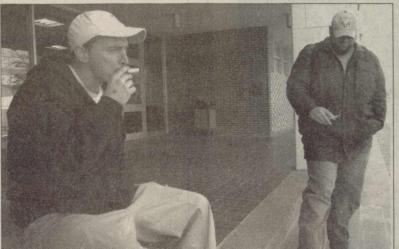
Surgeon General's Warning: Tobacco Smoke Increases the Risk of Lung Cancer and Heart Disease, Even in Nonsmokers.

The effects of smoking have been made well known by the Surgeon General since the release of the first report on smoking and health in 1964 yet 22.8 percent of the American population still smokes. Smoking affects roughly 48 million Americans who pumped \$88 billion into the national econo-

The question, "Why do you smoke?" arises quite frequently and most answers stem from stress, health, and comfort.

Senior Terry-Lynn smokes to keep her weight down. Some studies have shown that regularly engaging in cigarette smoking can increase metabolic rate, decrease appetite, and stimulate bowel func-

"As soon as I eat, the food is gone," Terry-Lynne said.



Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce From left, senior medical science major Perry Thigpen has been a smoker for 2 years. He started smoking at 27 years old because of boredom and trying to fit in. He said he is trying to quit gradually. Sophomore nursing major Christopher Russell started when he was 20 years old because of stress. Now at age 30, he said he has been able to keep his smoking to about a pack every two weeks.

Freshman Louise smokes whenever she is drinking or stressed.

'Family and personal problems stress me out and I smoke a lot whenever I'm stressed," Louise

Since the release of the first Surgeon General's report on smoking, about 10 million people have died from smoking-related diseases in

the United States like heart disease, lung cancer, emphysema, and several other respiratory diseases.

The latest report released from the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion concluded that smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, creating diseases and overall health issues for the smoker.

More deaths are caused each year from tobacco use than from the combination of HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides, and murders. Cigarette smoking causes 440,000 deaths, or 1 in 5 deaths each year in the U.S. each year. 35,000 of these are from secondhand smoke expo-

Terry-Lynne said that she hopes to stop smoking before spring

"I'm addicted and there is always that stress factor and there's really no time for exercise," Terry-Lynne said.

Alvin, another NSU student, thinks smoking is unhealthy. "I used to smoke because I liked

it for a while," Alvin said. "I stopped smoking because of PT and I needed to be healthy."

"I feel sad," Louise said. "I'm trying to quit. My New Year's resolution was to quit. There are kids that I used to baby-sit for are starting to smoke and it's shocking,"

'If I ever see a child, I don't smoke around them," Terry-Lynne said. "I only smoke around people my age or older. I wouldn't want toinfluence someone younger than me to start smoking."



### Coming out of the Closet

No, I don't mean coming out to your pals that you are samesex oriented.

I mean coming out from behind closed doors and showing off your true "fashionability." You know you have the power to be anything and anyone, but why would you sacrifice your appearance for the meager chance that someone will take the time to find out exactly who you are before they even tell you hello? Let's face it--in this day in age, appearances are everything and first impressions get you what you

As brutal as it is, the funky, spunky chick in the jeans, flipflops and beanie cap doesn't stand a chance at a job interview compared to the coolmannered lady in the Chanel suit. But there is hope. Just because you don't own anything Chanel or DKNY doesn't mean you can't own up to your own fashion capabilities to impress someone of stature.

This is the beginning of a new year and hopefully a new you. The New Year is a great time to reflect on your past experiences and think, "I didn't get as much out of the year as I think I should have." The question now is, "How much of what I wanted didn't come from dressing the part?"

Granted, NSU is probably one of the more laid back schools when it comes to fashion in the classroom, almost as bad as LSU. In "Tiger Land" students roll out of bed and walk to class in their pj's and house slippers, much like the students here in "Demon Land." But, seriously folks, although you might think that you need not to impress anybody in class, think again. You might get a professor that really rocks and really pushes you to succeed, which makes you want to ask them for a letter of recommendation for an internship or job. Although some teachers might be inclined to give anyone a letter just for showing up to class, most teachers take a look at you as a student and ask themselves: "Were they always prepared for class? How well did they do academically?" And then of course they'll remember how you looked.

Right now you're probably recalling that time you showed up to your 11 a.m. English class in a grungy T-shirt, dirty hair and torn Levi's. It's not impressive, and even though your teacher will still probably give you the letter, he or she will also comment on your attire, and it won't be pretty.

So to make a pleasant transition from "total makeover project" to "modish modela," first things first. Realize that not all fashion-tips are secret codes from Satan. Be open to new ideas and listen to those who are willing to help.

Next, go window shopping. Before jumping in to a pool, you always test the waters right? Same concept here. Browsing the racks without trying anything on gives you the mental sketchpad to model outfits in your head. If you think before you try on, you won't set yourself up for disappointment in the dressing room.

While mentally picking out ensembles, remember that your look needs to be tailored. If your physique is tall and a little curvy, go for things that accentuate the best parts of you. Got a great pair of legs? Go for a skirt that's about knee length and a nice crisp, button-down blouse. Impressed with your décolletage (cleavage for those who don't know)? Don a lowcut sweater with maybe a lacy camisole underneath—and of course combine it with a great pair of wide-legged trousers

■ See Closet, page 6

# Diet pills not a 'quick fix'

By Samantha Foley Sauce Reporter Raquel Hill Life Editor

Editor's note: the names in this article are fictional due to the delicate nature of the content. and click.

No exercise. No dieting. Just a simple pill.

Diet pills are hot on the market, and some NSU students are taking advantage of their availability. It is so simple; you do not even have to visit a doctor any more, just point

But, is it safe?

Not consulting a physician prior to taking any medication including a prescription diet pill is definitely not safe. However, the event of ordering prescription diet pills off the internet without ever engaging in a doctor's visit is becoming more

Psychological

side effects

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"Who has time to exercise these days with school and work?" asks Iane, an NSU student. "I ordered prescription Adipex off the internet and lost 20 pounds in two months, and I love my new look."

According to weight-loss-dieti.com, Adipex is an oral medication, used as an appetite suppressant. And like any other diet pill, it should be used in association with healthy diet, exercise and lifestyle modification advice as a shortterm aid in the management of

The website also says to consult your doctor and explain your complete medical history especially if you have high blood pressure, an over-active thyroid, glaucoma or diabetes, or if you think you are pregnant or before breast-feeding. It is also wise to let him know about all the medicines or medications you use, including other weight loss pills and even simple anti-cold/flu/cough medicines.

But did Jane ever consult with her doctor prior to taking Adipex? No, because to her, taking it is worth the risks.

"I know people who have taken it and it worked for them so it is worth the risk if I lose weight," she

The pressure from society to be thin drives people to endless measures to accomplish weight loss, but

how far is too far?

Some diet pills are associated with raised heart rate, raised blood pressure and heart failure. This is why it is so important to first consult your doctor and regularly visit your doctor during your diet pill

Also, some diet pills, especially stimulant-based diet pills, are habit-forming and can be easily

Because of this, the USDA has banned Ephedrine (or ephedra) from diet pills in the United States. According to WebMD.com and the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Service Tommy G. Thompson, "This FDA rule reflects what the scientific evidence shows that ephedra poses an unreasonable risk to those who use it. The regulations prohibit the sale of dietary supplements containing ephedra, and we are taking swift action against anyone who puts consumers at risk by continuing to sell such products after the prohibition takes effect."

Ephedra is one of a group of plants that is a source of ephedrine alkaloids, including ephedrine and pseudophedrine. When chemically synthesized, the FDA regulates these substances as drugs when chemically synthesized.

Although the U.S. government regulates ephedra, other ingredients like those found in Adipex are

not and may be extremely haz-

"I know it is dangerous, and I could form a habit but I have considered ordering diet pills off the net, but it is such a quick solution for weight loss, and I really need to lose weight," says NSU student Diana. "I mean everything is bad for you, so why not? I know a lot of girls here at Northwestern who have ordered diet pills off the Internet that were not affected in a bad

According to an article written by Michele Stanten in Prevention Magazine if it sounds too good to be true it usually is.

For example, claims like "You won't gain the weight back" are simply false. No product can change your body's physiology so that once you stop using it, you keep off the weight forever. Even while taking prescription diet pills, some weight regain is expected.

Or the ridiculous claim, "Safely lose more than three pounds a week for more than four weeks from lef without medical supervision." Although it is possible to lose more than this a week through extreme dieting, it does increase your risk of adverse effects such as gallstones.

Before purchasing pills off the Internet, do the necessary research and make sure to consult with your doctor about them -- it is vital to | your health.

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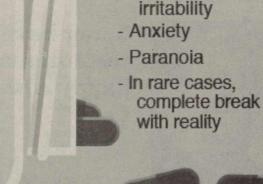
# Ephedra and its dangers

The stimulant ephedra, sold as a diet supplement, can pose a serious hazard when used in heavy doses or with factors that increase risk.

#### Physical side effects

- High blood pressure
- Tremors
- Rapid heart rate
- Seizures
- Strokes





#### These increase ephedra risks

Anything that raises body temperature can lead to heat exhaustion or heatstroke

- Heavy exercise
- High air temperature and humidity
- Overweight
- Heavy, poorly ventilated clothing



- High blood pressure

or seizure

disorders

Courtesy KRT Campus

and open-toed stilettos. Figure out your body shape, and dress accordingly. (For more information on how to figure your body shape visit MSN: Women and search "Flatter Your Figure.")

By the time you have modeled enough outfits in your head, it's probably time to take your thoughts and put them to action. Grab what worked best for you in your head and head to the dressing room. It's time to play dress-

Did it work? Of course it did! So what's next? Now it's time to take your pieces home and figure out what other ways you are able to wear them. Are they versatile? They should be; if not, make a Uturn back to the store.

Once you are happy with your pieces, remember this is just a start. You can't put together an entire wardrobe in one shopping trip-Rome wasn't built in a day.

Just like when you collect books from your classes that will help you in your future profession for your professional library, you are creating a professional wardrobe. You are dressing for the job you want-that's always been my phi-

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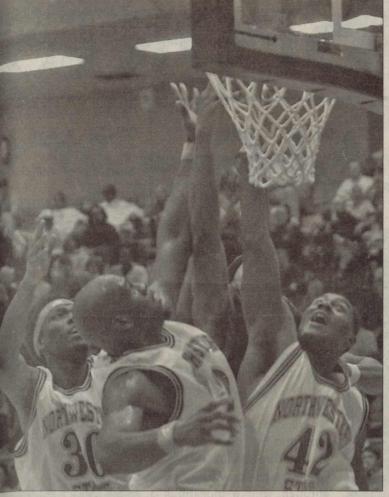
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# McConathy's demons wear foes down with depth

Sauce Reporter

NSU head basketball coach Mike McConathy was well aware of the challenges that awaited his team going into the 2004 sea-

The Demons had one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country.

"We felt that playing difficult foes would prepare us for conference," said McConathy. "If we can compete with the big schools we can compete with anyone."

The Demons' non-conference schedule included trips to nationally ranked powerhouses Oklahoma State, Cincinnati, Illinois, Tulsa, Dayton, Valparaiso, LSU and a showdown at Prather Coliseum with Tulane which the Demons

Though the Demons came up

By Chris Salim short in the other games, McConathy said he believes that the Tulane win gave his team a

> "I felt the win at Tulane gave us the swagger and confidence we needed before going on the long road trip," McConathy said.

> McConathy has attributed the depth of the team to the quick 3-0 start in the conference. The Demons have used a 12-man rotation in which no one on the team averages more than 25 minutes per

"I feel that our depth wears teams down," said McConathy. 'We feel that if we are still in the game during the last eight minutes, we will dominate the rest of the

Junior guard Jermaine Wallace has become one of the premier

scorers in the conference. Assistant coach Dave Simmons sees him as a target.

"It puts a target on his back, all the defenses are keying on him and he has to come ready to play every night," said Simmons.

Another bright spot for the Demons has been freshman guard Colby Bargeman.

"I am impressed with how calm and poised Colby has been," McConathy said. "He can shoot and handle the ball. He is going to be a player."

The balance of scoring has also made the Demons a difficult team to play. Wallace has led with 11.5 ppg, with Jermaine Spencer and Clifton Lee scoring 8.6 and 8.8 ppg.

The Demons also have five others averaging between five and eight points per game.

You never know who you are going to have to stop, said Simmons. "Any one of them can hurt you on any night."

Though year has been success for the Demons, it did not come without some growing pains.

"We didn't have any leadership, everyone was looking at each other instead of someone stepping up," junior forward Byron Allen said of the 2002 season.

McConathy said he attributes the success of this season to the hardships he and his team faced in 2002.

"It was rough having to coach 12 freshman when everyone else we played had seniors, but that is the way to build a program from the ground up," McConathy said.

The Demons (10-8,3-0) own three conference wins against Stephen F. Austin, Texas-San Antonio, and Texas-Arlington.

### ur risk of lstones. Demon softball players earn preseason honors

Courtesy of Sports Information www.nsudemons.com

Defending regular-season and tournament champion Texas-San Antonio was a landslide pick to defend its titles, taking nine of 10 first place votes in polls of league coaches and sports information

seven players on the preseason All-SLC team, with Northwestern and Texas State second by taking three spots apiece on the my phi- 23-woman squad.

NSU senior outfielder Nicole Martin, bidding to make the All-SLC team for a fourth straight year, made the preseason list as a second-team pick while junior outfielder Sarina Noack was a first-team selection and sopho-

more catcher/designated player Margaret Patterson made the preseason second team.

Noack, who hit .265 overall with 17 steals in 18 tries, carried a .300 average in SLC games. Patterson, who batted .306 with 2 home runs and 20 RBI overall, had a .318 average in conference

Martin batted .286 overall with UTSA led all schools with 21 steals and 3 home runs, carrying a .274 average in SLC games. In the coaches' poll, Sam Houston State was the second-place choice followed by Texas State, Northwestern and Texas-Arling-

> ton in the top five. In the poll of softball SIDs, Texas State got the nod for the runner-up spot followed by Sam Houston, UTA and Northwestern in the top five.

"The Southland Conference

plays great softball year in and year out, and we believe we stack up with any other team in our league," said first-year head coach Mike Perniciaro, a former Auburn assistant. "We're very excited about our prospects for this season. I know there are some very talented players on our team and everybody has been working very hard with the idea of winning the conference championship and turning some heads along the way.'

The Lady Demons have played in NCAA Tournaments in 1998, 2000 and 2002. NSU won 17 of its final 23 games last year in a late season surge that brought coach Eileen Schmidt's team to a 35-28 final record. Schmidt was hired a month later as head coach at Ken-

Perniciaro's first Northwestern 8 in San Marcos, Texas.

club opens the season Feb. 4 at the Louisiana-Lafayette tournament, then plays at Alabama and in tournaments hosted by Auburn and Texas A&M before opening its home season Feb. 23 against I-49 rival Centenary.

Conference play begins for Northwestern on Feb. 26 with a homefield doubleheader at the Demon Diamond against Stephen F. Austin.

Home doubleheaders against non-SLC foes ULL and Baylor highlight the March schedule.

In Southland competition, Northwestern will host SFA, Nicholls State, Louisiana-Monroe, Texas State and Sam Houston State in three-game series.

The SLC Tournament is May 6-

### **Demon's Upcoming** Schedule

-Men's Basketball

Jan. 20 @ Texas State Jan. 22 @ Texas-San Antonio

-Women's Basketball

Jan. 20 @ Texas State

Jan. 22 @ Texas-San Antonio

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### A busy break

justin\_hebert@yahoo.com Welcome back students for another semester at NSU which I am sure will not disappoint you with its exciting blend of Demon athletics.

While we were all out enjoying our time off, Demon athletics, past, present and future, remained busy with games, awards, signings and even a Pro Bowl.

The men and women's basketball teams, both preseason picks to win the Southland Conference, endured tough schedules.

Most of their holidays was spent on the road and they are now onefourth of the way through league play.

The Lady Demons struggled on the road early but found their stride at home. A big win "in white" against Southeastern has bumped their league record to 2-2, making them 7-8 overall.

Men's basketball played through the nationally ranked toughest schedule and dropped a few tough road games themselves, but have rebounded with a four-game tear against SLC opponents. Taking down all three tri-champions of the Southland has put them on top with a 4-0 record in conference and 10-8 total.

Not to mention, both teams are perfect so far this year in Prather.

The Demon football players, present, past and future, have been extremely busy through the break despite not being in season.

Congratulations to former Demon safety and return specialist Terrence McGee who was recently voted to the AFC's Pro Bowl Team as a returner. McGee, who was an All-American at NSU and still holds the NCAA's Division 1-AA record for punt return average at 17.4 yards per return, has returned three kickoffs for touchdowns this season as a member of the Buffa-

Another hats-off goes to all of the members of the SLC champion football team who were named to All-Southland teams, especially offensive lineman Greg Buckley and linebacker Jamall Johnson who were named Division I-AA All Americans.

Good luck to Buckley and Johnson as they join three other Demons, including junior running back Derrick Johnese, fullback Issa Banna, and offensive lineman Mike King.

The coaches stayed active with recruiting. After the loss of Johnson the Demons added linebacker Marvin Byrdsong, a senior transfer from Mississippi State. Byrdsong started 12 games and played in 35 games over three seasons at State.

So I assure you Demon athletics will only get better. With both basketball teams returning home early February, track getting kicked off, plus tennis, baseball and softball starting soon, there will be plenty of sporting events the students should attend and support the athletes who work so hard.

# Basketball leads SLC

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

The NSU Demons basketball team ran away with it early, but had to stick around to withstand a furious comeback as they beat Southland Conference opponent Southeastern Louisiana 65-63 Saturday in Prather Coliseum to bump their home mark to 8-0 this season and improve their record to 10-8 overall and 4-0 in conference to take sole possession of first place in league play.

"I think being able to get four wins under our belt at this point in the conference schedule is very, very important," said Demon head coach McConathy.

NSU jumped out in front early in the first half when they went on a 23-3 run that spanned the last 10 minutes with the help of junior forwards Byron Allen, who scored 10 points on four for four field goals and two for two from the free throw line in the first, and Clifton Lee, who was also perfect in the



Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE Demon guard Colby Bargeman watches teammate Keenan Jones recover a loose ball from Southeastern's Nate Lofton. The Demons topped SLU Saturday in Prather 65-63.

three for three shooting.

The Demons went into halftime with the score 36-19 against a Lions' squad that was nationally ranked fifth

first scoring 6 points on in defense, allowing only 55.6 points per game, and has averaged giving up a stingy 50.3 ppg in its first

three conference games.

on scoring when I got in the paint," Allen said of the team's solid first half.

Allen finished the game with 14 points and 5 "I just tried to capitalize rebounds despite fouling

out with 5:37 remaining in the game and the Demons clinging to a 5-point lead.

Guards Tyronn Mitchell and Tramaine Hancock each scored 13 points for the Demons, who were playing without Jermaine Wallace, the only player averaging double-digit scoring for

Hancock was six for six from the free throw line in the last three minutes.

Jermaine Spencer came through with a monstrous dunk with 19 seconds left to hold off the Lions.

"The heart man, as a group we don't want to lose," Hancock said. "When they started coming back we just stepped it up."

The Demons' next home game is Feb. 3 after tough road games against Texas State, Texas-San Antonio, and Sam Houston, but the Demons will play five of their last seven games at

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Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

#### Pitre wins 400 in first meet

Alexan Marcus Pitre won th men's 400 meter champi three c onship race in a 49.89 clock Medical ing Saturday to highligh faculty Northwestern State's indoo The as track and field season debu at the LSU Purple Tige \$100,0 Invitational in the two fac Maddox Fieldhouse.

TUS St. Five Northwestern com also ag petitors recorded third place finishes: Ravyn Hay "This ward in the men's 60 meter ern and dash with a 6.87 time of Nurs Tameshia Miller, running: structur 25.88 in the women's 20 Rapides J.D. Henry in the men's 201 vided of on a 22.17 clocking years a Cameron Waugh, clearing professi 6-6 in the men's high jump Abby Saloman in the NSU h women's 5000 with Alexand

19.55.72 time. made it Shanae Steward and ove Miller gave NSU a 4-5 finish in the women's 60 meter hurdles, with Steward & NATIO 8.98 and Miller at 9.08 Bush Haley Blount finished fourth for the Lady Demon in the pole vault, clearing inaugura

Miller finished fourth i policy, t the women's long jum; was. championship flight with 18-3 1/4 leap.

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Northwestern will con pete at the University Arkansas' Razorback Invitation of tional next weekend.

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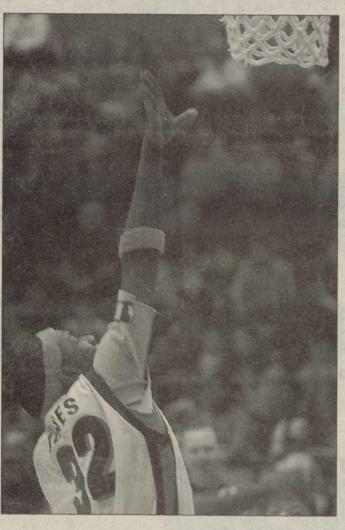
Tickets went on sal Tuesday for the Saturday Jan. 29 NSU Demon Foo ball Banquet honoring Northwestern State's 20 Southland Conference champions, with reserve activities tions required by Tuesdal Is extend Jan. 25.

The awards dinner wi be held at 6 p.m. on Jan. in the Student Union Ball Union. room. Tickets, \$25 each may be ordered by calli the Demon football office at 318-357-5252.

Teddy Allen, acclaimed columnist to The Times in Shrevepor will be the master of cert monies.

More than 100 advant reservations already have been made by fans anticipation of the even which will include the mail the debut of the Demons' 201 a name a highlight video along will presentation of sever Conn awards to players

# Home, sweet home for Lady Demons



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce Demon guard Chassidy Jones attempts a layup during a huge victory over Southeastern Saturday. Jones had a career-high 28 points.

By Justin Hebert ready to go." Sports Editor

Lady Demons kicked off a doubleheader Southeastern Louisiana Saturday in Prather by dominating the Lady Lions 80-63 to remain undefeated at home this season and improve their record to 7-8 overall and 2-2 in the Southland Conference.

year Lady Demons basketball head coach Jennifer Graf said following the Demons victory over Southeastern Louisiana. "We love to be in white"

Sophomore guard Chassidy Jones had a breakout finishing performance with 28 points and 9 rebounds after taking a good bit of heat after a 75-60 loss at conference leading University of Texas at Arlington.

"I think she took that to heart. True competitors do, and Chassidy is a true competitor," Graf said. "She took that game to heart and then came out this game focused and

Junior guard Sheronda Bell, who had 2 points in the contest via free throws, contributed to the win with 13 assists, including 9 in the first half, while Amanda Bennett scored 14 points along with her 9 rebounds.

"I don't care if Bell never scores another point but if she can have those assists up to 13 like she did "Obviously we love against Southeastern we playing at home," first- will be alright and we'll win," Graf said.

> With her 9 rebounds, Bennett has 505 career boards becoming the 15th player in Lady Demon history to reach the 500 rebound mark, and is only 24 points shy of joining the other 10 former Lady Demons in the 1,000 point/500 rebound club.

> Bennett said she likes the idea of being included in such a fantastic crowd but is much more concerned with helping her team succeed through the rest of the SLC.

"It's great because it means that I get to be in a club with elite women who played here, and it's

great to do it in front of your home crowd," Bennett said.

"I'm just concentrating on winning. If it happens, it happens, I'm not too worried about it." The Lady Lions held the

game close in the first half trailing by a score of 35-40, but NSU pulled away with 15 second-half points by

The Demons went on a 17-0 run five minutes into the second half and then began another 10 point run with 7:46 remaining in the game to pull away.

"As a team we played great and did a lot of things better," Jones said. "We're just going to keep working hard and hopefully this win at home will give us the boost that we need to finish off conference with a nice ranking."
The Lady Demons hit

the road again for three SLC games at Texas State, Texas-San Antonio, and Sam Houston State. The Lady Demons will return to Prather and those beloved white jerseys Feb. 3 when they host Lamar.

# Baseball picked to win league title

Demons are favorites to win Southland Conference crown; 5 named to preseason All-SLC team

Information www.nsudemons.com

With slugging infielder Brandon Morgan and Academic All-America first baseman Bobby Barbier among the standouts, perennial Southland Conference baseball power Northwestern State has been picked alongside twotime defending champion Lamar as the favorites to win the 2005 SLC title in a poll of league coaches released Wednesday by the league

Morgan and Barbier were two of five Demons named to the coaches' Preseason All-SLC team, along with infielder Thoms, outfielder/pitcher Rusty Jones and starting pitcher Daniel

Northwestern will host the 2005 SLC Tournament May 26-28 at refurbished Brown- ment before being eliminated. Stroud Field, the first time

Demons reached the NCAA Tournament -- that the conference tournament has been played in Natchitoches.

Coach Mitch Gaspard's fourth Northwestern team tied with Lamar for first in voting by the 10 SLC coaches predicting the league's final 2005 standings. Conference baseball sports information directors picked Lamar to win and had

Gaspard will try to lead his Demon squad to its second league championship since his arrival and the team's ninth title since 1991, the most out of all SLC teams.

The Demons return six fielding starters and three starting pitchers in a team that finished 33-23 overall last year and went 16-9 in league play, good enough for a second place finish. The team also went deep into the postseason tourna-

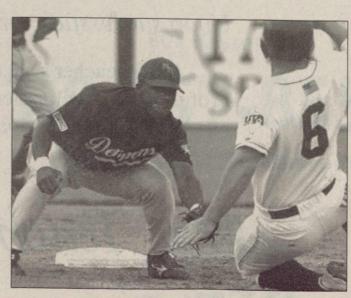
"We're definitely excited

Courtesy of Sports since 1994 -- the last time the about the new season," said fourth year head coach Mitch Gaspard. "We're excited about the guys we have coming back, and very pumped about our newcomers."

Morgan, a junior second baseman, led the team in 2004 with a .381 batting average and 18 doubles. He also hit two home runs and had 41 runs batted in to go along with his 21 stolen bases.

Thoms hit .300 last year and was one of the league leaders with 54 RBI. He played most of last season at first base but is expected to make a move to third to allow Barbier to take position at first. Barbier, a 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-American, returns after hitting .293 while leading the team with nine home runs.

Iones split time last year in the outfield and on the mound hitting .317 with three home runs and 27 RBI while going 2-3 with a 5.03 earned run average. Lonsberry posted a 5-7



Gary Hardamon/

Demon second baseman Brandon Morgan tags out a UTA member during last year's game. Morgan was selected to the All-SLC team.

record with a 3.69 ERA. He fin-poll followed by Texas-Arlingished the year strong, posting a 3-0 mark and a 1.67 ERA in his Monroe, Texas-San Antonio, last three starts of the season. Both NSU and Lamar gar-

ton, Texas State, Louisiana-McNeese State, Sam Houston State, Southeastern Louisiana nered 74 points in the coaches and Nicholls State.

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# Demon returns

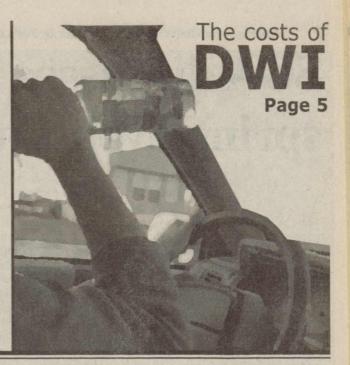
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NSU and Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria are teaming up to provide for the future health care needs of the area.

By working with Rapides Regional, NSU's College of Nursing has been able to accept a class of 20 Bachelor's of Science in Nursing students into clinicals in von the Alexandria. Rapides Regional has given NSU space for champ, three classrooms, a lab and faculty offices in the 89 clock Medical Arts Building, in addition to funding for three nighligh faculty positions.

s indoo The assistance has also extended to NSU's program on debr in radiologic technology, which has received two le Tige \$100,000 endowed professorships and funding for two faculty positions from Rapides Regional. CHRIS-TUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital of Alexandria has third also agreed to fund a faculty position at NSU.

yn Hay "This has become a win-win situation for Northwest-60 meter ern and Rapides Regional," said Dean of the College 7 time of Nursing Dr. Norann Planchock. "We had the infrainning: structure, but lacked the resources to use it fully. en's 200 Rapides Regional was able to assist us. NSU has proen's 200 vided outstanding nursing education for a number of clocking years and this will enable us to produce well trained clearing professionals who are needed in this area."

in the NSU has offered its graduate program in nursing in with Alexandria for more than two decades and has also made its R.N. to B.S.N. program available in person ard and over the Internet for several years.

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President Bush declared Wednesday that his soaring clearing inaugural vow to expand freedom and end tyranny around the world wasn't a major shift in U.S. foreign fourth policy, trying to correct the global impression that it ng jump was.

nt with Bush opened his White House news conference by saying that "ending tyranny" is "a long-term goal" that "will require the commitment of generations."

fth in the While he declared in his inaugural address last week 1:00.3 that future American relations with "every ruler and fth in the every nation" would depend on their observance of ) for the human rights, he downplayed that point Wednesday, Quezain saying, "I don't think foreign policy is an either-or emons proposition," and contending that human rights is but 4 leap one U.S. concern among many other practical objec-

Bush's remarks amplified efforts by lower adminisck Invit tration officials that began the day after the inaugu-Tation to correct the widespread impression that he'd proclaimed a new manifesto that, if followed, could Put America at odds with repressive governments that are also key U.S. allies in the war against terrorsm and other global priorities, such as Egypt, Pak-Istan, Saudi Arabia and even Russia and China.

**Courtesy of KRT Campus** 

#### Campus Connection:

onferen Come and get involved with student activities! Plan reserve activities for your dorm! The Student Activities Board Tuesday is extending the application process for the position of residential rep. The three dorms in need of reprenner Wasentatives are Dodd, Sabine and Bossier. Applicaon Jan. tions can be picked up in Room 214 of the Student nion Bal Union. Applications are due on Feb. 4, at noon.

# New dorm on its way before the first of the month

First part of new complex to open this fall

> By Jamie Webb Sauce Reporter

NSU officials are hoping the first building of a new residence hall complex will be completed Aug. 1 in time for the fall 2005 move-in.

Jennifer Anderson, director of auxiliary services at NSU, said the second building should be completed Aug. 22, the first day of the fall semester, and the third building "will be completed no later than Oct. 31."

Justin Owen, assistant director of the University Columns, said the complex's timely completion depends on the weather.

Students living in the new facility will have the option of choosing a 9-month lease or a 12-month lease, depending on whether they want to stay in the dorm during the holidays. Students will also be able to choose a double bedroom apartment with two students per bedroom or a single bedroom apartment with one student per bedroom. Owen said each building of the complex, which will be located behind Sabine Hall, will house about 130 students.



Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce

NSU administrators and SGA members participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new dorm on Wednesday. The dorm's first building is scheduled to be finished in Aug. 1

Anderson said housing fees will not cover the cost.

rice for a 12-month lease in these prices are subject to paid the specified amount down and build new ones.

Like Columns residents, a double bedroom apartment change. students living in the new is \$378 a month. For a 12dorm will make payments to month lease in a single bed- Tammy Bennett said stu-Century Development, the room, the price is \$427 a dents will have the option of company that manages both month. For a 9-month lease choosing how much they facilities, rather than to NSU. in a double bedroom, the want to pay at a given time, price is \$394 a month. For a but a set amount will be due

Columns bookkeeper 9-month single bedroom, the at the beginning of each Anderson said the latest price is \$444. Anderson said month. Students who have the other dorms or tear them

will be credited for that

Each building of the new dorm will have card access doors, and there is a possibility that each individual apartment will have card access, Frances Conine, director of student services,

Owen said each apartment will have a couch, chairs, desks, a coffee table, twin beds, dressers with two and three drawers, closets, a refrigerator, a microwave, a sink and two bathrooms.

This dorm is the beginning of a plan to renovate other dorms on campus, Conine

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Anthony Scheffler said upon completion of the new dorm and the relocation of Rapides residents, Rapides Hall will be torn down.

One of the main problems with halls such as Rapides is the heating and cooling systems, Conine said. The systems are so old that replacement parts for them are difficult to find.

Conine said the second phase of this modernization project will involve hiring consultants, as officials did when planning for the new dorm. The main goal of this project will be to determine whether to remodel some of

# fresh out of town

Last year, students were pleased to see a new Krispy Kreme Doughnuts vendor in Vic's and the C-store. This semester, the doughnuts have disappeared, along with all traces of Krispy

Along with Vic's, Texaco and Citgo gas stations in Natchitoches were also receiving Krispy Kreme doughnut deliveries, which came from Lafayette. The deliveries came to an unexpected halt late last year.

Ray Campbell, the retail manager of Aramark, said he called the Krispy Kreme delivery service in December, and a representative told him the Vic's delivery would come. But as of Wednesday, Natchitoches' vendors were still without the doughnuts.

According to news releases, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. has recently faced a wide variety of problems. Stock prices have fallen amidst federal securities investigations and allegations of padded sales figures, and the company replaced CEO Scott Livengood, who had

By Kindra Watson been with Krispy Kreme for Sauce Reporter 28 years. Livengood is accused of failing to handle the company's finances properly.

Krispy Kreme's sales have been declining since late

■ See Doughnuts, page 2



the CURRENT SAUCE When this September 2004 photo was taken Krispy Kreme donuts were still available in the C-Store. The shelf now holds single-serve cereal

# Krispy Kreme is | University plans to welcome **BPCC** students this fall

Sauce Reporter

NSU is working with Bossier Parish Community College to accommodate incoming freshmen who will not meet the fall semester's new selective admissions requirements.

Connie McConathy, the program director of BPCC at Northwestern, said the new policy will require incoming students to meet the following criteria: students must complete and pass the Louisiana Regents Core of high school college preparatory courses, can require only one developmental course from NSU, must have a subscore of at least 18 on all sections of the ACT and have either a minimum 2.0 GPA, a composite score of at least 20 on the ACT or rank in the top 50 percent of their graduating class.

McConathy said her job is to act as a liaison between BPCC and Northwestern, coordinating the changes that will take place on campus.

Anthony Scheffler, provost and vice president of academic affairs for NSU, said, "Because of selective admissions standards we are trying

By Claire Mayeux to reach out to those students integrate the students so they who have no other option besides attending a technical college or no college at all. The presence of BPCC on NSU's campus will be a third

option."

When state officials mandated that NSU follow the Board of Regents Master Plan for 2005, which requires NSU to follow the new admissions guidelines, faculty and state officials knew they would have to do something to accommodate the estimated 300 students who would not meet the new standards. NSU then partnered with BPCC for that purpose.

"The arrangement is a marriage of the two institutions," McConathy said. "BPCC students will be on campus and will have every advantage of an NSU student; they will simply not be enrolled as an NSU student." BPCC students will pay

fees according to the hours they take, just like NSU students. They will also have the option of living on campus and having meal plans.

"We want BPCC students to blend in and take full advantage of every resource that is offered," Scheffler said. "We have taken measures to

will not stand out. They will be community college students in a four-year university environment."

Once a student has completed two semesters at BPCC, he or she will qualify to become an NSU student.

McConathy said students who require more than one remedial class are usually not fully prepared to handle four years of college, and often drop out.

"The reason for BPCC coming onto the Northwestern campus is simple," McConathy said. "Economics...if you multiply all those students who drop out and leave debt for the state to carry, the numbers are huge. BPCC is less of a financial burden... to students, so the money issues are easier to handle if they do not make it in college."

Scheffler said NSU is hiring faculty through extra services contracts to teach BPCC stu-

"Classes are being set aside for BPCC students even though we are not sure how many there will be," he said. "We do not know how this will work, but we will make adjustments as needed.

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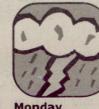
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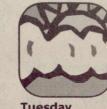


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# SGA discusses plans for spring events and services

Sauce Reporter

The SGA passed a bill providing money for organizational grants, nominated senators into campus committees and discussed business on planned events and new student services on Monday.

In a unanimous vote the SGA, passed a bill that provides a \$600 budget to fund organizational grants. Sen. Matthew Bartley said the fund is budgeted every semester to provide grants to recognized student organizations that do something to help students, the community or the university as a whole.

Last semester about 12 organizations applied for a portion of the grant, Bartley said. The amount a certain organization receives depends on the programs in which the group is involved.

Bartley said student organiza- on planned events and special

grants in February.

The SGA also nominated two senators, Shantel Wempren and Ifrah Jamil, to become members of campus-wide committees. Alan Sypert, speaker of the Senate, said plans are in the works to allow Greeks and other student organizations to build houses on campus. The SGA nominated Wempren to be a representative in a committee that will set up a system of regula-

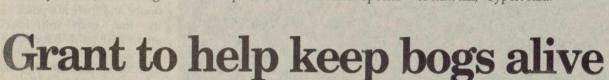
tions for this program. The SGA appointed Jamil to the grievance committee. Sypert said this committee is in place to provide a forum for students to voice complaints with faculty and staff. Currently, every school in the University of Louisiana System is involved in working out unique policies for similar committees,

The SGA also held a discussion

By Kyle Carter tions can begin to apply for the services for students. Bartley said the SGA has selected a date and time for this semester's forum, which will be with Aramark, the campus food service provider. He said the purpose of the forum is to allow students to be able to voice their opinions about NSU's food services. The SGA has not released the date for the forum.

> Sypert said he had attended the Council on Student Government Associations at Texas A&M and discussed services that could help the students and community. He said he plans to provide students with a list of local businesses that offer student discounts and then encourage other businesses that do not already provide discounts to do

"I'd like to get the available list on the Web site for immediate information, and handouts can be expected at the end of this semester or next fall," Sypert said.



Sauce Reporter

received a grant to save endangered plant species in Louisiana's

The \$86,000 grant came from the Coypu Foundation, which was founded by the late John S. McIlservation projects.

The grant will help protect Louisiana's bog habitats. Bogs are plant communities that have been

By Warren Hayes destroyed by land development practices.

One type of bog, known as an NSU's biology department has acid bog, is beneficial to Louisiana wetlands because of its ability to control the quality and flow of water. These bogs are also home to several plant species, such as

Michael Bodri, chairman of the henney to support ecological con- Department of Biological Sciences, said timber practices and land developments are not the only things that are destroying the bogs.

"Agriculture practices and four

wheelers can destroy a bog's natural habitat," Bodri said.

Bodri said a four-step process will be used to save the bogs. It will involve: inventory and assessment of wetlands, erosion correction, monitoring and management and educational outreach.

The project's success will be measured and documented by land

Bodri said NSU will propagate some of the bog plants in the greenhouses located in the biology



New stoplight at Wal-Mart

The city of Natchitoches' installed a stoplight on Keyser Avenue in front of Wal-Mart Wednesday in an effort to ease traf-

### **DOUGHNUTS**

2004. The company's quarterly report ending on Dec. 26 showed that weekly sales per factory store had decreased by approximately

18 to 25 percent. Campbell said there was no signed contract between Krispy Kreme and Aramark, but the doughnuts arrived every morning Monday through Friday until late doughnut vendor.

"We were just wanting a larger

At the BCM's prior location, stu-

dents had to park in the Watson

Library parking lot and cross Col-

lege Avenue to get to the building.

The Alley is more easily accessible and has nearby parking, benefits the new BCM building will have

The Rev. Bill Collins, director of

"It's just going to be better for students," Collins said. "We hope

to be one of the first to build down

in the Organizational Row area this spring. We feel really good

about moving to that part of campus... we're just excited to be able

to reach more students in a different way with the message of

The BCM is still in the process of

Collins said the BCM is allowed

to use Student Union facilities like

any other student organization.

moving into the Alley, but has already held several worship serv-

the BCM, said he was looking for-

ward to the move.

building," Antilley said.

November. Despite attempts to contact Krispy Kreme, no one at NSU is sure if or when the deliveries will resume.

Campbell said the lack of doughnuts has resulted in a \$300 a week sales drop for Vic's, prompting Aramark to consider replacing Krispy Kreme with another

were skeptical and unsure, but I

think now we're excited and look-

The BCM has meetings Wednes-

day nights at 8:31 for worship, live

ing forward to it," he said.

music and fellowship.

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# BCM finds temporary home in Alley



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A mirror captures sophomore English major Megan Davis' reflection during the BCM's Wednesday night service.

Lora Sheppard Managing Editor

Baptist Collegiate Ministries, a student organization that has been housed on College Avenue since 1969, is temporarily relocating to the Alley in the Student Union while awaiting the construction of a new building on campus.

The Alley, which student organizations occasionally use for meetings and events, is being renovated in the wake of the move. BCM and NSU students have been cleaning and preparing it for use, and BCM members have also converted an unused coat closet to an office and added \$1000 worth of lights. All new additions made will remain after the BCM moves to their permanent location.

Director of NSU 22 and BCM member David Antilley said the physical plant is designing a new BCM facility on Organizational Row between the Kappa Sigma house and the softball field. The groundbreaking for the new building is tentatively scheduled for June.

The BCM will not have exclusive use of The Alley, and the area will still be open for use by other student groups. Dustin Kennemer, a senior engineering major and president of the BCM, said he thinks the move will benefit the organization.

Christ."

ices there.

Senior early childhood education "Surprisingly, at first some of us



major Jamie Kendrick relaxes to the music of the praise band at the BCM's Wednesday night service in The Alley.

# **NSU Police Blotter**

1-18-05 8:13 p.m.

A silver SUV rammed the gate at the Columns, which would not close.

10:56 p.m.

An AC from Sabine Hall called to report a couple having an argument in the parking lot.

A resident of Sabine Hall requested an ambulance.

An RA from Rapides Hall requested an ambulance. He was punched in the side of the head and was transported to the hospital. Police were looking for his assailant.

1-20-05 12:56 a.m.

A resident of the Columns who said his tires had been slashed stopped an officer.

7:58 a.m.

Someone broke into a vehicle at Bossier Hall.

1-21-05 11:33 p.m.

A resident of the Columns locked himself in his bathroom. He said several people had forced their way into his apartment and threatened

1-22-05 1:20 a.m.

An AC from Boozman Hall called to report a suspicious man approximately 6'4" tall carrying a metal baseball bat on the College Avenue side of campus.

An RA from Rapides called to report possible drug use. He couldn't identify the source of the smell and was told to call campus police if it happened again.

1-24-05 9:01 p.m.

A resident of the Columns called to report possible drug use in one of the apartments. An officer saw drug paraphernalia on the kitchen counter and found some unidentified bottled pills under the coffee

10:50 p.m.

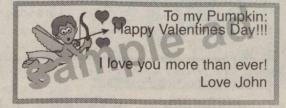
A resident of Rapides called to report some residents smoking marijuana on the fourth floor balcony.

Elizabeth Bolt

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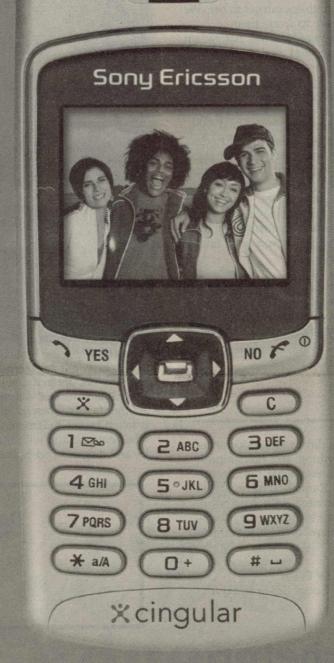
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# The Middle Path: Civil discourse must rule the day



By Justin Shatwell

Perhaps the most contentious issue in today's society is the Iraq War. It is difficult to find anyone who does not have a strong opinion one way or the other. Unfortunately, it is becoming more and more common for these opinions to become prejudices against those with an opposing viewpoint. For instance, many who oppose the war claim that the administration is waging it on dishonest grounds, and those citizens that support it

selves to be duped. On the other side of the argument, many who support the war see its detractors as being unpatriotic, cowardly, or politically motivated. In keeping with my theme of finding middle ground, I would like to forgo any discussion of the merits or demerits of the war, and instead discuss the need for a civil discourse on the

I must begin by stating that I dismiss the argument that it is unpatriotic to question the commander in chief during wartime. I acknowledge that those who serve in the military need to respect the chain of command and obey war in which the nation is in no wishes of the people. It is not only risk of being invaded. The danger of this idea is that it removes the input of the American people from the president's decisions.

The president is not a four-year dictator, even during wartime. By definition, the president is both the leader and the servant of the people; he serves as a first among equals who must respect the will of those he governs. In an ideal democracy, the will of the people is demonstrated through some form of national discourse. In an honest debate, both sides of an argument could be heard and the benefits and weaknesses of both could be orders. However, I do not believe discovered. Our leaders could that this obligation extends to the then make a more informed deci-

are naïve and are allowing them- general public, especially during a sion, tempered by the insight and the right, but the duty of American citizens to question their leaders. Not only does this keep them honest, it also offers up alternatives and concerns these very fallible people may not have thought of.

If we are to have an honest discourse on the war, first we must ask ourselves why we have such a hard time talking civilly with one another about this topic. I think the main problem is that we have allowed this issue to become politicized to the point that the legitimacy of the war is perceived to be directly tied to the legitimacy of the president. Both sides have perpetrated this myth and it has put us in a dangerous situation.

A referendum on whether or not selves in. This will never happen to wage war should never be decided by a president's popularity, no matter who is in office. This is especially true in the case of Iraq, where the question is very nuanced. Not only has this war cost us billions of dollars and over a thousand lives, it has also raised complicated questions about international law that have strained our diplomatic relations with the rest of the world. This is far too serious an issue to allow ourselves to be lured into party lines and cowed into silence.

If we truly wish to support our nation during wartime, we should work together to find a balanced and honest approach to the predicament we currently find our-

we do not abandon the pointles hate and insults we sling at each other in the name of the two domi nant parties.

Our leaders continue to make decisions about foreign policy that will profoundly impact this coun try for decades to come. As it our friends and family in uniform who carry out the will of the gon ernment, it is our duty to providour leaders with fair, balanced and informed opinions rather that mere cheerful echoes of their own partisan positions.

Justin Shatwell is a Louisian Scholars' College Student. His opinions do not reflect the Sauce staff or the University.

# IN RESPONSE

#### No need to line clothiers' pockets for acceptance



By Danny Jackson

Increased emphasis on public opinion has jumbled the priorities of too many college students. "Appearances are everything" is the idea being shoved down the student's throat, and it is just not true. As old-fashioned as it may seem, some people do still form opinions of others based on ideas rather than appear-

When a student spends more time concerned with cosmetics and hair products than text books, there is definitely a problem. Grades matter. Degrees matter. Those are the reasons people spend thousands of dollars to go to a university. Tuition is not an entry fee for a fashion show.

need to dress a certain way — you usually wouldn't wear a party dress to a funeral — but class is not one of these occasions.

It is understandable that students feel they must meet a certain standard. Clothing companies spend millions of dollars on advertisements that program society to do just that. New standards have been set; not by necessity, but by greed, and this is condoned by the general public. Advertisers know that they can exploit your

In the past 10 years television commercials have put more people on the screen at one time, all dressed in the latest trend, to promote the idea of the "in crowd," and that if you buy one of these new shirts or these new vests you can be part of that crowd as well.

I don't foresee these new standards disappearing anytime soon, but as I said they are not here

Given, there are times when you because of necessity; they are here so rich clothiers can get richer. We don't have to accept them.

We generally agree that racism is wrong, and sexism is wrong, and ageism is wrong, so I think it is perfectly feasible for this latest outbreak of "fashionism" to be dismissed as ignorance as well.

To get back to my original point, do not risk being late for class because your hair isn't quite right. Don't decide not to go because you can't find the right thing to wear. Look on the syllabus for every class you have. You will find a section on attendance, but I sincerely doubt you will find a dress code.

Danny Jackson is a junior English major. The opinions expressed in his column do not reflect the Sauce staff or Universi-

# Bundy should be alive

By Skylar DeBrun

Fifteen years ago, on Jan. 24, 1989, Ted Bundy was executed for the murders of more than 30 women and young girls. At that time, the state of Florida did not use today's method of lethal injection. Bundy was killed by 2,000 volts of electricity streaming through and around his body, until he was pronounced dead eight minutes later.

I cannot imagine how someone can forgive another for murder, nor can I imagine that time heals any wounds. Death is the ultimate loss. It creates grief, pain, and sorrow; a punishment familiarized with this despondency is inherent-

If pain is felt by these families and friends, then it only makes sense that pain that will be felt by another family when its "lost son" is taken by the judgment of those who sentence him with utter malice and disgust. I wish that people

"If murder is so inhumane, then find the humanity in capital punishment."

wouldn't get murdered or for that matter harmed at all, but they do, and responding with violence is never the answer.

Bundy should not have been executed by the state of Florida. Horrific crimes demand consequences, but not death. Freedom can never be granted to such a man as this, but execution is never deserved, even for one who steals what people hold dearest, their

History has taught that death can only beget death, and it must be a lesson well learned. Bundy's crimes, no matter how appalling, deserve no such punishment as

When one solution can be applied to many problems, it becomes practical for use. Death by execution has become a practical application in society because it

is a simple solution to a comple problem.

If murder is so inhumane, the find the humanity in capital pur ishment. Are there not other means of punishment, equally severe but that allow a man to sui fer for the duration of his life in the most miserable means?

I am not an advocate of releasing criminals; but their punishmen should express the humanity the failed to show. For if you do no treat prisoners as such, they wi never grow to know that their crimes were wrong and should no be committed again.

In this light, the death penalt does not prove a deterrent, but a escape from a lifetime of confine

Some crimes deserve strict and severe punishments, but deat should never be considered a option when life lasts so mud

Ted Bundy was put to death the Monday, and I wish he hadn

Skylar DeBrun is a sophomor English major. The opinion expressed in his column do no reflect the Sauce staff or University

#### Letter to the Editor

#### Student responds to last week's Fashionable Focus

I finished reading Raquel Hill's column entitled Coming out of the Closet, and believe I was the one who inspired this article. I'm one of those girls who will walk around campus wearing jeans, flip flops, and a beanie. I'm also the kind of person who enjoys donning my blue fuzzy slippers for my eight o'clock class. Quite frankly, I see nothing wrong with it - in this day in age, appearances it. I do agree that going to a job are everything and first impresinterview sporting your pis probably won't get you the job, that's just common sense. However, I don't believe a professor would deny giving a recommendation based on my inability to reveal an adequate amount of cleavage. I find it deplorable that aesthetics play such an important role in this society, and even more upsetting is Raquel's statement, "Let's face

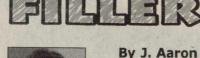
sions get you what you want. Not me Raquel. I have gotten what I wanted with hard work and determination, not by wearing a Chanel or DKNY outfit to

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# Just more imperialist rhetoric





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Even sources removed from the action Japan Today.com noticed

Bush's inaugural speech last week was "shorn of all but the most glancing references to the dominant political issues of the day." Indeed, Bush barely said anything at all, but the speech was hardly fluff. An inaugural is a chance to set the tone for a presidency, and presidential speechwriter Michael Gerson's soaring oratory about bringing liberty to the rest of the world whether they like it or not is very indicative of the approach our foreign policy will take in the next four

The address itself was bland tripe, but the subtext was extremely radical if you take the time to translate the fuzzy rhetoric about "ending tyranny" and "spreading liberty." Apparently, America will no longer rest on its laurels waiting for the inherent evil of tyranny to manifest as an actual threat. Instead, knowing that these tyrannical countries will always be a danger to freedom and democracy, we will proactively blow the hell out of other countries before they can even think about actually crossing us.

Bush is basically declaring an intention to extend the firstpunch policy set by our preemp-

tive invasion of Iraq to cover the rest of what we determine to be "un-free" countries. WMDs are no longer a factor. When the "Danger, danger! It's Al Qaed—I mean Sadam! He has a nuke! 9/11! 9/11!" tactic failed in the wake of Saddam's utter lack of serious armament, Bush switched over to the "Well, they needed liberating anyway!" excuse. Now, he's quietly pulled the old switcheroo, and Americans are actually thinking, "Maybe we should just invade the hell out of Iran. I mean, they are jerks..." Does anyone else remember the days when America only blew up countries that at least spat on our shoes or something first?

Bush said, "From the perspective of a single day, including this day of dedication, the issues and questions before our country are many. From the viewpoint of centuries, the questions that come to us are narrowed and few: Did our generation advance the cause of freedom?" This ends-justify-themeans mentality is pervasive in this administration. Condie Rice said in her senate hearing, "I know enough about history to stand back and to recognize that you judge decisions not at the moment but in how it all adds up." I believe the sentiment being expressed by both the President and the soon-to-be Secretary of State was put most succinctly by Fidel Castro, who said,

"History will absolve me." This week's disturbing precedent! According to tnr.com, Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich threw an "invitation only" press conference, excluding two

Baltimore Sun writers who exposed, among other things, his plan to sell state forest area to politically connected land developers. This kind of press selection is unconscionable, and I sincerely hope the writers file suit. This is a violation of the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of the press, and free press is a scarce enough resource as things stand these days.

See www.i-55.com/~q for a rehash of why Bush's privatization plan is garbage and for an InfoDump link to the President's inaugural address. Also, this semester I've got a talk show on KNWD 91.7 FM every Friday morning from 8:00 to 10:00. Call 357-KNWD to tell all of Natchitoches what you have to say or mail saucefiller@gmail.com if you have comments you'd like to have read on the air.

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Run, Hillary, run!

By T. Hargis

There is a bright new beginning in the Democratic Party, eager to win votes with middle America: it has begun to sound more centralist Republican. We here at the Right Side will call this "Neoliberalism." Rooted deeply in the arts of snake oil peddlers, these representatives see only their political aspirations when they speak about issues that matter deeply to conservatives. The new Democrats even have a new slogan: "Run Hillary Run!"

After they undermined John Kerry in the past election, the stage was set for Hillary, the real brains behind the Clinton façade, in 2008. I have to hand it to her that her sheep outfit is very becoming of a wolf hunting the flock in search of a few kills. She knows she doesn't need to win every state; she just needs to

confuse one of the two states Gore funding. If life begins at conception and Kerry failed to secure for her to

Senator Clinton, who represents New York, was quoted this week during a rally with fellow abortion activists saying, "There is an opportunity for people of good faith to find common ground in this (abortion) debate. We should be able to agree that we want every child born in this country to be wanted, cherished and loved." And Democrats accused Condoleezza Rice of not

disclosing the whole truth. Fact: the abortion argument would be over if not for the dispute of what constitutes a child. Antiabortion groups believe, as do I, that life begins at conception and that a child is protected by the bill of rights to live a life without tyranny. Advocates of abortion disagree, and this is the TRUE issue. Abortions would be illegal tomorrow everywhere if the government acknowledged the status of a fetal child. What is "good faith" to Mrs. Clin-

It's a ploy like her claim that under her husband's administra-

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tion the abortion rate fell consistent-

ly because of their Family Planning

which is what most middle-American evangelical families profess then abortion at one hour, 40 days or six months is not part of their

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Does this make these people bad because they, like I, profess some Several I thing so deeply rooted in our faith object: c that it cannot be manipulated of ture. The swayed to find a middle ground? to be over Clinton's ideas that contraception sexy by

and the morning-after pill, both make you varying forms of artificially abort ing a pregnancy, lowered the occur rence of the actual abortion proces came is gross misinformation. She is des perately trying to look more mora than the Bush administration, and that is just sick.

Neoliberalism is a modern-day Siren designed to draw in the unsuspecting victim with rhetori three 6.1-1 to mindlessly convert the masses tures per Poop packaged with roses still works with smells funny: Run Hillary run. therightside@aboywithfish.com Sories

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Doing What's Illegal By Samantha Foley Sauce Reporter How often do you drink and drive your vehicle? According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism 1,400 college students between

the ages of 18 and 24 die each year driving under the influence each fromunintentional alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle

About 2.1 million students between the ages of 18 and 24 reported driving under the influence of alcohol last year.

Where does NSU fit into these statistics?

The number of students who drink and drive at Northwestern remains unknown, but students who speak out find this criminal act one of prevalence.

"Students at NSU drink and drive often. I have several friends who have been arrested for it," senior business major and local bartender Bradon Guy said. "I wish I could, but I cannot give every drunk at the bar a ride home, it is impossible.'

One student suggested the idea of Natchitoches acquiring a taxi service so everyone can pay for a safe ride home.

"NSU students drink and drive all the time, including myself," senior general studies major Corlyss LeCount said. "I always try to find a sober driver but sometimes it is hard to find one and I have to drive. We should have a taxi service here in Natchitoches."

The NIAAA claims an estimated 110,000 college students are arrested for an alcohol-related violation such as public drunkenness or

"When I go out I try to be responsible and have a designated driver, but sometimes I only drink a little and then stop before driving," junior business major Marissa Guy said. "I try to be extra careful because my roommate got a DWI, and that is a little too close to comfort for me."

Junior business major, Grant Russell, says, "I don't speak on behalf of everyone, but if I go out I'm going to drink and drive. I don't even think about having a designated driver unless I cannot

Out of five NSU students interviewed, only one student says she never drinks and then gets behind the wheel.

Senior nursing major, Grace Montgomery said, "It is just plain stupidity to drink and drive, not only are you risking your career by possibly receiving a DWI and having a criminal record, you are risking something more precious: your life."

Alcohol use and driving here at NSU seems to be nothing out of the ordinary. In order to prevent this problem, NSU bureaucrats, students and community leaders must take action.

College Station, Texas, adopted

■ See DWI, page 6

# Gadgets of 2005

**Photo Illustration by Chris Reich** 

By Chris Reich Sauce Reporter

Nikon

#### What makes a gadget sexy?

profess some Several factors can contribute to the sexiness of an d in our faith Object: curves, performance, appearance, or texnipulated of ture. There is another factor to sexiness that seems lle ground? to be overlooked. A gadget may not necessarily be contraception sexy by the first definition, but any gadget that can er pill, both make you sexy does qualify.

Nikon red the occur ortion proces camera

What is it? The D70 is stration, and Nikon's consumer level digital SLR camera.

What it does - Takes with rhetori three 6.1-megapixel picthe masses tures per second, and n roses still works with hundreds of lenses, flashes and acces-

nior general Why it's sexy - This is

ne opinion not your normal run-of-the-mill camera -- not by a long shot. mn or on his rirst, it is an SLR camera, which means that there is a large not reflect the selection of lenses and other accessories available. Second, it will take three frames per second for a total of 144 consecu-Ve frames without stopping. Third, it has the ability to treat he D70 as a normal film camera by controlling the shutter Peed, ISO, F-stop and focal point. This camera is for anyone who wants to take his or her photography skills to new

#### lly represent the Apple iPod

What is it: a portable mp3 player that comes in capacities anging from 512 Megs to 60 gigs.

Why its sexy: The ability to have an entire library of music with you at all times, the array of add-on devices and its small size are all big selling points. Also, with many companies producing them, finding a device that transmits the music over any stereo wirelessly, turns the iPod into a voice recorder or even one that fully integrates it into any car stereo, the uses are numerous.

#### Apple G4 Powerbook

What it is – a 12", 15" or 17" laptop that is only about two

What it does - comes stock with movie editing, DVD burning, music creating software, resistant to viruses and spyware, and Braun 8585 uses Apple's OS X operating sys-

Why it's sexy - The entire laptop is made of lightweight aluminum, so even the 17" version only weighs 6.9 pounds. It will also run the normal slew of

software including Microsoft Office. The sexiness also stems from the slim size and very clean lines that are trademarks of Apple design.

What it is: the original PlayStation 2 in a smaller, sleeker form

What it does: plays all PlayStation 1 and 2 games, DVD's and audio CDs.

Why it's sexy: Like the original PlayStation 2, it has retained its geek appeal to backward compatibility. Unlike the original PlayStation 2, this one comes with the network connection built in, a slimmer overall height but no room for the optional hard drive that its larger brother has. It is much smaller, and more elegant, than the original, making it possible to stack even more consoles under the television than

#### Activator selfcleaning shaver

What it is - an electric shaver with its own charging station that keeps the blades sharp.

What it does - The charging station not only keeps the shaver charged but also cleans the blades so that they do not oxidize and become dull.

Why it's sexy – Simple. This is a shaver that will stay sharp for about six months, keep your face smooth, and will last about

three weeks on a single charge. The shave is surprisingly close for an electric and the shaving head even warms when activated to make the shave closer. There is still nothing like a straight-blade shave, but for the student who needs to be able to shave in the car while heading to class, this is the

best you can get. \*\*For more sexy gadgets, visit the Sauce on-line at



### Pink is the new black

"Out with the old and in with the new," applies to something different this year. This year fashionistas are putting aside their "black tendencies" and taking on a whole new lookpink!

Pink is definitely this year's new black. From designers like Juicy Couture and Ralph Lauren to stores like Foley's and even Hot Topic, pink is taking over the racks.

Thanks to trendsetters like Reese Witherspoon's character Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde" and model-actor Ashton Kutcher, pink is starting to morph from a strictly newborn hue and broaden into an entire spectrum of consumers.

Pink has a less bubble-gum appeal to it now—it now has an entire array of tints and shades. The pink family now includes fuchsia, magenta, hot pink, pale-pink and a string of other

What strikes me as intriguing, is that not only do I just see the "girly-girls" and "preps," so-to-speak, adorning themselves in this ultra-feminine color. Some men and even those girls who consider themselves to be "punky" are trying these hues on for size. In fact, Hot Topic, a notorious "punk" or "gothic" store, has just ordered a new line of inventory that expresses this new-found theory and clearly states it on Tshirts, track pants, socks and other accessories: "Pink is the new black."

Kimora Lee, Chief Designer and creater of the Baby Phat Corporation, has incorporated almost every single shade of pink in all of her lines. The new line should be out next fall.

Ralph Lauren has tried to integrate pink into all of his designer lines since the 1980s His look is much more tailored than the line of Baby Phat but also has much more versatility. His designs combine the initial shade of baby pink with pinstripes, checks, bold stripes, solids and angled patterns.

I think it is great that men are starting to come out of their shells and have a little fun with their wardrobes. My guy, Scott, has had an obsession with blacks, blues and silvers-and he is a rather preppy dresser. This fall he surprised me—he took me out to dinner on our anniversary wearing a red, pink and black pinstriped, collared, button-down shirt with French cuffs—it was amazingly sexy and extremely fashionable. I was so proud of him!

Added to my pride is knowing that the same thing is going on for those in the "punk" department. I have quite a few friends that used to wear nothing but black pants, black shirts and black shoes, but now their spectrum is broadening, and it's beautiful! It makes them look so much more fun and approachable. Now, granted my friend's hair is her pink accessory, but it's still a change—and it's definitely an improvement.

Pink is not only a fabulously fun color, it's also empowering. Pink has become the color most associated with breast cancer awareness. The famous pink ribbon for breast cancer awareness has raised the bar when it comes to including pink. You'll see this on everything from bracelets to rings, from T-shirts to scarves; the ribbon has become an icon of strength, power and knowledge-and it's all because its marketers knew that the hue that would rule the day would be pink.

And guess what-it does. Pink IS the new black.

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\*\*Please note that what I write is only my opinon and not necessarily that of the Current Sauce.

# Living the 'big time' in a small town pe

By Candice Pauley Sauce Reporter

Many people will agree that it is hard to balance school, a job, extracurricular activities and homework.

Jason Coutee is not an exception. Coutee, a senior double major in CIS and business administration and a minor in art, is no stranger to the juggling act that is a student's life. Coutee, however, is not your average twenty-something college student. He is a music producer.

Coutee grew up just south of Natchitoches in Alexandria and attended Pineville High School. After graduating, he moved with his mother to California. While there, his interest in computers and music blossomed. During his year in California, Coutee worked for an electrician who taught him how to put together computers from basic parts.

When Coutee left California, he moved back to Louisiana and started school at NSU.

"I started school with that knowledge (of computers)," Coutee says "I was already being called by family members to



Courtesy DU Productions/Jason Coutee

update...and keep their computers updated and virus clean."

Though Coutee loves computers, there is room for one other love in his life. That love is his

"From the time I was 15 or 16, I loved hip-hop music," Coutee

While in California he met people who were working in music production. When he moved back more seriously into creating his

"When I moved back to Louisiana, I knew that's what I wanted to do," Coutee says. "I knew, no question about it."

"I had friends who were into the hip-hop thing. I was already doing stuff like that, writing lyrics," he says. "I started recording my vocals and mixing down the beats that I was doing on various programs on my computer."

Upon his return to Louisiana, Coutee became an underground MC recording under the name "Uno." From there, his interest in producing led him to create Uno's Underground, his first label. With Uno's Underground, Coutee began to produce tracks that are offered free online at bellsouthpwp.net/ j/c/jcoutee/myweb/Unohome

Now Coutee's working label is DU Productions. Under this label, he produces Louisiana hip-hop artists such as Dessaline, Zano, Brick City Click and Demetrius

Though his label specializes in urban and hip-hop styles, he also

to Louisiana, he began to look works with hard rock heavy metal groups. Coutee says that many of their beats involve guitar riffs.

DU Productions is currently working on producing, along with other production companies from Louisiana and Texas, a soundtrack to the upcoming movie Man Cry. A list of artists on the Man Cry soundtrack can be found at visibilelyrics.com.

How does a senior double major do all of this and keep up with

"I write down a schedule when I can go to certain people's houses to fix their computers. I schedule it down whenever we can get in the studio and record something." Coutee says.

Because he keeps such a busy schedule, Coutee only attends classes on Tuesdays and Thurs-

When it comes to production, Coutee doesn't produce just any-

"The thing I look for in an artist is uniqueness. Something that makes them stand out from everybody else," he says.

"There are many talented people just within the vicinity of my area that I believe could be up there with Jay-Z even," Coutee says.

Collins, who accompanied Coutee to the interview, says that working with him has been a won. derful experience.

"We get on these certain levels when we're recording these songs It just makes us come together

even more," Collins says. Coutee draws his inspiration from some of his favorite artists like Dr. Dre, Eminem, Linkin Park and Jay-Z. The inspiration must be serving him well, because his company is on the rise. "We're expanding pretty fast," he says.

But underground fans need not worry. "If we ever do hit main. stream audiences and...end up being...mainstream, really big, out on every store shelf, we'll still do our underground thing," Couter promises. His strong attachments to his roots are what will keep him in Louisiana, he says.

His plans for the future are simple. He wants to graduate and go to work. Once he is able to save enough money he wants to register and trademark the label's name and start a big-time production 10e

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# Getting in the game: On-line gaming becoming popular

Sauce Reporter

Ever been pwned like an uber noob while DOTing a re-spawned mob by a ganky, twinked, griefing

Do you have any idea what I just said? If so, you are probably ROFL (rolling on the floor laughing) right now. If not, then you must never have played a massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG).

MMORPGs are a fast-growing form of entertainment common to high school and college students around the world. Basically, a MMORPG is a game that played online with other real people, following a semi-storyline and building a character. Your character will gain levels, whether through fight-

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for experience, and you can continue updating your character with new weapons, armor, and skills.

The games are generally openended with an almost infinite supply of new things to do, but with no ultimate goal or final boss like most games would have. This allows one to play for an extensive amount of time without getting bored. From time to time, expansions will come out for the games that will contain new character types, areas, items, enemies, or quests.

Most of the well-known MMORPGs have to be paid for each month, and it is these pay per month games that have college students so absorbed.

Pay-per-month online gaming has been out for ages, and boasts titles such as Everquest (\$19.99, The Players

By Chanel Savoie ing enemies or completing quests including all expansions), City of Heroes (\$29.99, no expansions), Star Wars Galaxies (\$16.99, \$19.99 for expansion), Ultima Online (\$55.85, including all expansions), Final Fantasy XI (\$29.99, \$29.99 for expansion), and, the title that appears most responsible for this hobby's increasing esteem, World of Warcraft (\$49.99, no expansions). monthly fee is generally in the range of \$10-\$15, sometimes with an addi-

> tional fee for multiple characters. While there is already a large fan base here at NSU, particularly at the Louisiana Scholars' College, there are still many students who do not know about MMORPGs. To give NSU students a greater understanding of this trendy activity, I interviewed a few students about the online games they have played.

Player One

Name, Age, Classification: Josh Douglas, 21, senior, Liberal Arts

Which games has he played? World of Warcraft, Everquest, City of Heroes

How long has he played? WoW: five months including beta and stress tests, EQ: on and off for four years, CoH: four months

What appeals to him the most about pay-per-month online games? Never the same, can interact with real people, "It's more expansive, and deeper than playing on a console.

What would he change? server stability Does he believe that online games are addictive? "I don't think it is addicting in any negative way, its is just another hobby like

building or collecting." What does he think about having to pay each month? "The game really only costs \$0.50 a day, when you think about it. What entertainment can you get that is on par with an online game for \$0.50 a day? That won't even buy you a soda."

What games did he stop playing and why? EQ: Sony online Enter-

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Does he believe that online games are addictive? "Yes. There are always things to do, or a new thing

What does he think about having to pay each month? "It is kind of expensive, but so long as new things keep coming and bugs get fixed, it is understandable."

Anything else to say? "Yar!!!" \*\*Prices from Amazon.com

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a program called Drinking and Driving Ends All Dreams or This program was designed for DWI prevention and prevention of alcohol-related deaths among teens and young eager to enter the real world, we adults. The program has been suc-

This prevention plan may not be right for NSU, but it gives some insight as to what we can do to decrease the loss of life.

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As responsible young adults should not engage in drinking and driving but as college students

responding to peer-pressure and social norms, it happens.

Try to remember it is not fun to be arrested or glamorous to spend the night in jail. Drinking and driving not only leads you to a criminal record, it is risking your

# 'Phantom' gets rave review

By Chris Reich Sauce Reporter

If you have yet to see this movie, and you are reading this, then put your new copy of the Current Sauce down and go see it.

I was absolutely blown away by this movie, not only because of its music and visual impact but more so by its impressive storytelling and emotion

displayed on the screen. The story of Phantom of the Opera revolves around a young chorus girl named Christine Daae (Emmy Rossum). After the death of her father, she was taken into the Opera Populair by the ballet mistress Madame Giry (Miranda Richardson). It is in the Opera house that Christine meets her foretold Angel of Music in the mysterious form of the Phantom (Gerard Butler). The Phantom teaches Christine to become a better singer and with a little (in some cases literal) strategic stringpulling to be the new star.

tionship in which Christine never sees the Phantom but still falls in love with him. This all changes



with the return of her childhood sweetheart Raoul de Chagny (Patrick Wilson) and the first physical appearance of the Phantom. In the end, it is a bitter struggle between beauty and brains when both Raoul and the Phantom fight imagined.

A romance blossoms from a rela- for the love of Christine.

This movie does what few must cal remakes manage: succeed; i even surpasses the original. I saw the musical years ago and loved it The movie allows for all the love fear, compassion and little nul sances of the plot to shine

brighter than ever before. The music has changed little, mainly just an extra line here and there. The musical styles have stayed pretty consistent to those of the original Christine (Sarah Brightman) and Phantom (Michael Craw ford). It is a refreshing re orchestration of the original

themes, with new ones added Even the Phantom has a them now, "Learn to be Lonely," which Andrew Lloyd Webber originally wrote for the theater but decided that it did not fit the overall them and mood of the musical.

I give this movie 5 out of 5 stars because it is a moving musical film adaptation that allows all the pas sion, anger and pain to be seen and felt in ways that Webber nevel

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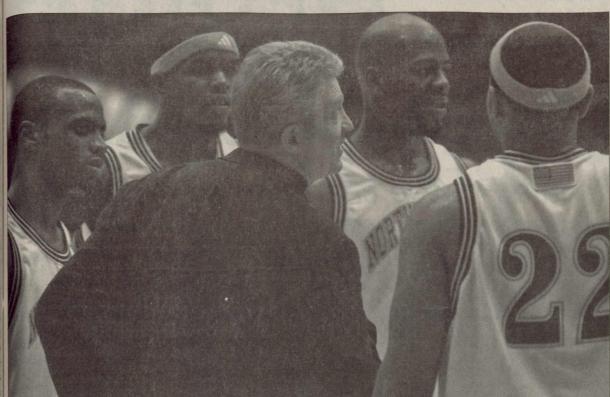
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coach Mike McConathy rallies, from left, Tyronn Mitchell, Jermaine Spencer, Byron Allen, and Kerwin Forges during a timenut. The Demons fared well Thursday against Texas State but lost their first conference game Saturday at UTSA

By Chris Salim Sauce Reporter

The men's basketball team split a pair of road games this weekend with the Texas State Bobcats and the Texas-San Antonio RoadRun-

Thursday night, the Demons defeated the Bobcats 72-69. The Demons built a 13 point lead only to see it shrink to three due to the hot shooting of Texas State guard Josh Nailor who hit four 3-point-

The Demons were able to survive several runs by Texas State because of Jermaine Wallace's shooting and Byron Allen's hustle. Wallace had 23 points on 5-11 from 3-point range.

"I had not played in a week because I was sick, and I was ready to go," Wallace said.

"He is starting to get it going," head coach Mike McConathy said. "He is getting focused again."

Allen had 10 points and 11 rebounds, recording his first double-double as a Demon.

tude," Allen said. "I was going to loss to the Roadrunners. The go get every loose ball.

"It is hard to keep him out of foul trouble because he plays so agressively, but we get a lot of second chance points because of him," assistant coach Dave Simmons

Remarkably, the Demons outrebounded Texas State 48-18. The Demons kept the Bobcats from obtaining a single rebound through the first 10 minutes of the second half.

"Our depth and energy is key; we want our players to understand how important second chance points are for us and not allowing the other team a second chance,"

The Demons allowed Texas State to stay in the game through

"I thought we made some crucial turnovers when we were trying to put them away, but we were able to hit some big shot when we needed to," McConathy said.

The Demons, however, came up

"I started off with a go get atti- short Saturday night with an 86-78 Demons let the Roadrunners to score on their final eight possessions. The Demons shot just 41percent while the Roadrunners shot 56 percent.

"I thought we made some poor decisions down the stretch when we had a chance to win,' McConathy said. "We competed well, we just did not get the job

Kennan Jones, who scored a career high 22 points, led the Demons. Jermaine Wallace added 17 points while Jermaine Spencer had 15. The Roadrunners were led by John Milsap with 18 points and Raphael Posey with 14. The Demons, who dropped to 11-9 overall and 5-1 in the conference, still lead the conference.

McConathy, who fainted in the second half, said he was feeling

The Demons look to get back on the winning track Saturday at 4 p.m. as they travel to Huntsville, Texas to battle Sam Houston State.

### the label's name me production Joe Delaney Memorial Golf **Scramble set for March 21**

**Courtesy of Sports** Information

s. You have to The 15th Annual Hibernia/Joe ant to play it all Delaney Memorial Golf Scramble ke sure you get will be played Monday, March 21 at the Shreveport Country Club as oes he think the Northwestern State Athletic ng to pay each Association generates revenue for No qualms with athletic scholarships in memory of s you get what one of its greatest competitors.

Entries, at \$125 per player, or ew online game \$500 per team of four, cover all expenses, including lunch, dinner, aline strategy a tee gift, and a contribution to the scholarship fund.

Individual or team entries can be made by calling assistant athletic director Charlie Vienne at (318) 357-4295 or by e-mail at vienec@nsula.edu.

The four-person scramble teams will compete for prizes for long him the most drives, closest-to-the-pin, and low nonth online scoring teams. On-course refreshy- playing with ments and food will be served.

Sponsorship information and more data on registration, including the chance to enter online, is available at nsudemons.com.

Delaney, a Haughton native, was a two-sport All-American for Northwestern in 1979-81. He was the American Football Conference Rookie of the Year in 1981 and an All-Pro tailback for the Kansas City Chiefs before he drowned in a rescue attempt June 1983.

He has been enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, the Graduate N Club Hall of Fame and most recently into the Kansas City Chiefs Ring of Honor last season.

All proceeds generated by the Joe Delaney Memorial Tournament directly support more that 250 student-athlete scholarships at Northwestern, said Vienne.

The tournament has attracted current and former pro players along with current and former NSU coaching staff members.

#### Henry takes third at Razorback **Indoor Invitational for NSU**

**Courtesy of Sports** Information

www.nsudemons.com

Northwestern State's J.D. Henry took third in the men's 60 meter hurdles Saturday providing the highlight for the Demons at the Razorback Indoor Invitational track and field meet hosted by the University of Arkansas.

Henry, a sophomore from Bunkie, clocked 8.05 in a race won by Antwon Hicks of Ole Miss in

Henry also ranked sixth in the 200 meter dash with a 21.69 time. NSU's Daniel Yarbrough took

fourth in the weight throw with a 46-10 1/4 toss. Cameron Waugh ranked sixth in the men's high jump by clearing 6-

NSU competitors finished seventh in five events, with Tameisha Miller responsible for two of them with her times in the 60 meter dash

(7.78) and the 60 meter hurdles (8.86)

Also among the seventh places from NSU: the men's heptathlon, with Michael James scoring 4,432 points in the two-day competition; the men's 4x400 relay (3:17.86), and the women's distance medley relay (13:14.88).

The Demons' distance medley relay team finished eighth

Senior Stefon Bostick was eighth in the men's shotput, throwing 46-1 1/4. Haley Blount gave the Lady Demons a ninth-place 10-8 clearance in the pole vault.

The next competition for NSU is the Bayou Bengal Invitational Friday in Baton Rouge.

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### **Demons' Upcoming** Schedule

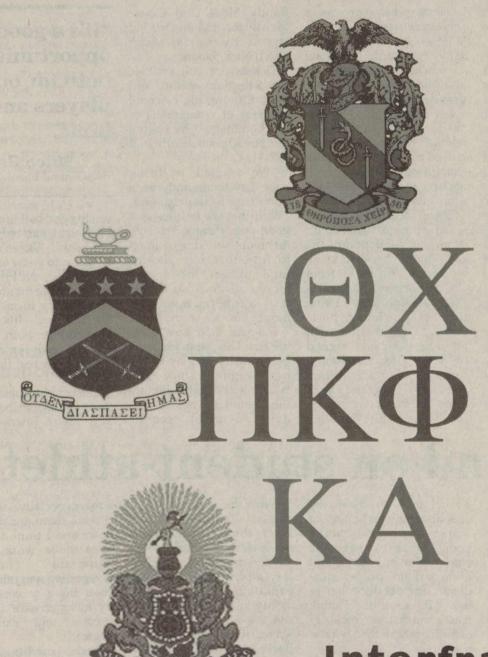
-Men's Basketball Jan. 29 @ Sam Houston State

-Women's Basketball Jan. 29 @ Sam Houston State

-Track and Field Jan. 21-22 @ LSU

-Tennis

Jan. 29 @ Louisiana-Lafayette





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Hebert The Full Count

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### **Play Ball**

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I have to admit it is getting a little depressing not having college football to watch on Saturdays and preparing for the first Sunday in a while without the NFL. But as some athletes hang up the shoulder pads, others are oiling up the

The Demon baseball and softball teams have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming season, which starts Feb. 11 for baseball and Feb. 4 for softball.

The Lady Demons look forward to their first season under former Auburn assistant Mike Perniciaro who takes over after Eileen Schmidt's departure following a 35-28 season last year.

Speedsters Nicole Martin, a senior outfielder, and Sarina Noack, a junior outfielder, who were both preseason All-SLC picks, hope to lead the team this year. Martin and Noack combined for 38 steals last season.

The baseball team, who were picked along with Lamar to win the SLC look to continue their great success on their quest for postseason play.

NSU has already begun to get things stirring with their opening day banquet, which will feature former Demon and now San Diego Padre's number 1 starter Brian Lawrence.

Students, this is something you should be interested in. Our athletic programs work so hard to provide sports entertainment for you, take advantage of it and go support

The Demon Diamond provides fun for students with its outfield club which fans can join and watch the game from behind the centerfield wall. But no matter where your seat is, the Lady Demons will be sure to provide the excitement.

The same goes for coach Mitch Gaspard's team who will be trying to live up to their preseason expectations as they hit the road through almost all of February but return to newly renovated Brown-Stroud Field, for a six game stretch leading into March.

Although there haven't been many home sporting events for the Demon fans to attend lately, things will begin to get more rousing when the men and women's basketball teams return home to face Lamar Feb.3 in Prather Coliseum. The Demons play seven of their 10 remaining games at home; meanwhile, the Lady Demons host six of their last 10.

For all tennis fans the NSU tennis team swings in to action this weekend at Louisiana-Lafayette and will see their first home court action Feb. 12

But football fans that are craving some kind of football news besides the Super Bowl being next weekend should know that colleges will be announcing their 2005 signings next week.

Justin Hebert is a senior journalism major and the Sauce sports editor. His views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Sauce or the Univer-

# Frisbee's taste of spam

# NSU students fight to have Ultimate Frisbee chartered as a club sport

By Leslie Westbrook Sauce Reporter

No referees. No game

clock. No uniforms. The game relies on player and team self-regulation during tournaments. Teams decide before a game what score will be the cap, and the winner usually must win by 2 points. Grass stains and sweat-soaked shirts are the only "uniforms" most play-

ers wear. The game is Ultimate Frisbee. Although the name is based on a trademarked flying plastic disc, tourney players usually use a regula-tion-weight (175g) disc made by Disccraft, not Fris-

After Tuesday's practice, NSU teammates, who call their team Spam Gumbo, nominated and elected junior Steven Verbka as team

captain.
"We're trying to get younger guys to come [play], because most of us will be gone in a year and a half," Verbka said. NSU grad student Shelton

Meacham said the team is in the beginning stages of making Ultimate Frisbee an official NSU club sport.

"Once we get chartered we can do a lot better recruiting," Meacham said.

Verbka said they need to write a charter, a constitution and have a steady participation of 15-20 students before they can be officially Meacham said.

Courtesy of San Diego Padres

San Diego Padre

Brian Lawrence

guest of honor for

will return as

the baseball

team's Opening

Day Banquet.

Drafted in the

made the big

17th-round by the

Padres, Lawrence

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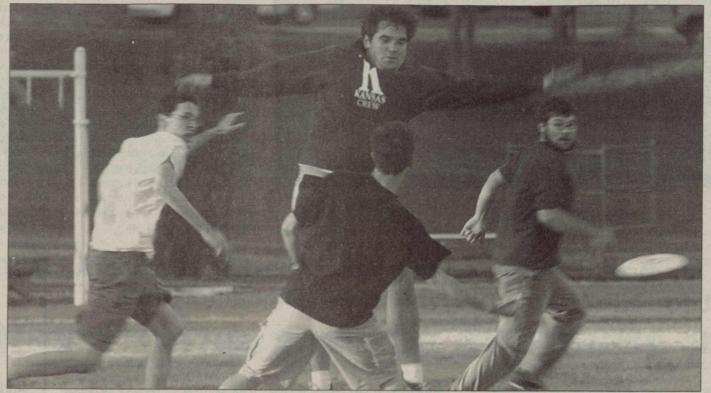
No. 1 pitcher for

the last two and

best 15 wins in

collected a career-

42 wins and a



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

Chris Boyd, Jason Ingargiola, Ben Apperson and Cievo Strugatskiy play a practice game of Unltimate Frisbee on NSU's IM field in preparation for their recent Baton Rouge tournament.

recognized as a club sport. Once chartered, the team

members would be allowed to promote new student participation at Freshman Connection events in the sum-Meacham said he hopes

transportation funding from NSU will be a benefit of getting a charter. Gumbo recently returned from its first major tournament held Jan. 15 and 16.

"We're still paying for the trip to Baton Rouge,"

Verbka said tournament entry fees can cost from \$70 to \$300, and team members must pay for gas out-ofpocket.

Junior Alex Strugatskiy

said some colleges have two or three teams and are nationally ranked. Gumbo played nationally ranked LSU and Rice in Baton Rouge

"Everybody we ran into thought [Gumbo] was a cool especially Rice...gumbo just goes with rice, so I guess that's why it

worked," Meacham said. Competitions with both schools ended in losses for Gumbo, but the final scores were tight.

'We forced LSU to respect us," Verbka said.

The team did come out on top against Baton Rouge's Catholic High School. "We beat Catholic High

School like a red-headed stepchild," Meacham said. Gumbo doesn't just beat

high school students, how-

Gumbo has been traveling to Centenary College for smaller games. We lost to them on the

first game last semester...,"

Meacham said. Verbka finished, "...now we beat them every time."

Teams play with seven players on the field at a time. Beginning at opposite ends of the field, one team throws the disc to the other team. If a player catches it, he must then stand where he caught it and throw to a teammate last semester, downfield.

The disc is thrown, lobbed and tossed around and over defenders. Like football = teams try to get the disc to player in the other team's end zone. Ultimate end zones are 25 feet deep with 70 foot-long playing field between them. Each time team scores a player substil tution may be made.

When fouls, out-of. bounds and questionable plays occur players and audience members decide the ruling without the help of a referee.

"Everyone's friendly and congratulates each other," Meacham said. "Everything's usually settled pretty quickly by the teams.'

Spam Gumbo named their CAMP team in reverence to an actu- Spr al dish cooked up by former Sprin NSU sculpture professor the fire Rivers Murphy.

Gumbo's next big event The will be a tournament in Little showe Rock, Arkansas Feb. 19 and tered

The team welcomes any spring students who are interested in playing. Gumbo practices every .Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday starting around 3:30, and player hopefuls should just show up. Although the team is cur Whil rently all male, the guys number made it clear that girls are tation more than welcome to join tuition

Also, anyone interested in learning more about the again Ultimate Frisbee can visit more r www.upa.org.

the games.

### MLB star returns for baseball banquet By Justin Hebert 29 jersey he wore as a Randy Moss, and Deuce

Sports Editor Demon retired.

gram's biggest fundraiser will be joined by one of the program's biggest names from the past. Former Demon, now San Diego pitcher Brian Lawrence will be the guest of honor at the inaugural Northwestern State Opening Day Banquet for the

NSU coach Mitch Gaspard and the entire Demon baseball program will be holding the banquet on a season outlook from Friday at 6 p.m at the Coach Gaspard, an auto-Country Natchitoches

Lawrence, who was the 1998 Southland Conference Pitcher of the year and part of the 1997 and '98 All-Southland Conference teams, will be returning to Natchitoches to see his No. Joe Paterno, Eli Manning,

said. "Certainly he's done coach Nick Saban so much for our program and made everyone here proud."

Lawrence joins former head coach Iim Wells, whose number 17 was retired recently, as the only Demon baseball players in history to have their jerseys retired.

The banquet's activities will include a social hour, dinner, introduction of the 2005 Demon baseball team, graph session, and an auction of various sports items. The auction will include baseballs signed by Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling, Alex Rodriguex, and Derek Jeter, footballs signed by

McAllister, and an LSU hat "It's great," Gaspard signed by former Tiger

> Tickets are still on sale for \$40 per person and only \$10 for high school students or younger. They can be obtained by calling the NSU baseball office at 357-4134. "We wanted to bring

> back Lawrence and retire his jersey," Gaspard said. "With that we felt it was a good opportunity for us to do an opening day banquet to introduce our players, kind of get the season

kicked off, and also we use

it as a fundraiser to raise

money for our team."

Gaspard said Lawrence, the first Demon in almost a half-century to play in the big leagues since Jim Willis, will also be visiting the Demon's practice Friday and might even be

"It's a good opportunity both for our players and for dation. him."

of child Mitch Gaspard NSU head baseball coach

tossing the ball around. "We're excited," pard said. "Brian's actual ly going to come and work out with us on Friday and throw a little bit and get an opportunity to meet all o the players. It's a good opportunity both for our players and for him. should be a real fun week

Master of ceremonies fo the evening will be State Rep. Taylor Townsend.

# NCAA board takes stand on student-athletes

Sports Editor

New NCAA academic standards were recently passed and many schools may be facing penalties starting in the 2006 season, but NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke feels these new rules will not greatly affect the Demons much.

"I think based on the history of our academic support system, I don't foresee us having a problem from the perspective of when athletes get here and they stay here and compete for four years, just about everyone of them gets a degree,"

On Jan. 10 in Grapevine, Texas the NCAA Division I Board of Directors were wrapping up the NCAA convention by approving an academic reform that would shake the founda-

tion of some major colleges. The Academic Perfor-

By Justin Hebert every men and women's sport and penalize schools that do not assure that their student-athletes stay academically eligible and graduate. Penalties for these infractions will range from losing scholarships to being banned from postseason activities.

The NCAA ruled that schools are required to keep an Academic Progress Rate of at least 925 out of 1,000.

APR points are calculated by comparing the number of points a school could earn and the number of points they do earn.

Schools can earn two points for each student-athlete per semester. They receive one point for staying in school and another for maintaining academic eligibility.

Athletes who do not meet either of these requirements will be considered "Zero-For-Two", and schools will not be able to replace that mance Program will affect student's scholarship for a

The main aspect of the reform is that schools need to focus on making sure the athletes remain at that college and graduate. Schools must now have a

rate of at least 50 percent to avoid facing penalties. The most recent rate at NSU was 33%; this was for incoming student-athletes

from the start of the 1997-98 NSU had been able to remain around the 50-60

percent graduation range but has fallen below that mark recently due to a high percent of athletes leaving while in good academic

Burke said the new plan measures the education aspect of a person that a school recruits and how that school will continue the student-athlete's learning process once they are there. "I think the new system, the APR system, is

a much more practical way of analyzing whether or not you're recruiting young people that can get the work done in college and giving them proper academic support once they're here," Burke said. "I think student-athlete graduation it is a much truer measure of both of those than what it used to be.'

NSU Academic Adviser Julie Lessiter and her staff have worked hard to ensure that Demon athletes receive the best resources to aid their education Burke said.

Five years ago the athletic department built a 2500 square foot academic center on the second floor of the field house with privately raised money.

The center consists of a study hall with 12 computers, study carols, tutoring rooms and a group study

"Basically whatever they need academically, there is support for them," Lessiter

ments, Demon coaches must think academically when recruiting high school athletes and make sure they stay around to finish their education.

"My focus is, for any reason, we don't want them to leave, it doesn't matter," Burke said. "We want them to come here, have a great four or five years to get a degree and they're an NSU Demon forever. It's not just about getting in here long enough to score some touchdowns."

An argument against the new legislation is that schools will be penalized in cases where eligible athletes leave a school as a sophomore or junior to pursue a career and monetary benefits of a professional athlete. Then that school's athletics suffer the next year due to being penalized those scholar-

'Ît's like any other sys- one from volleyball.

With the new require- tem, especially any new system, there are still some flaws and I think they wi have to be worked out Burke said. "From ou perspective, we think it is 1 good thing to continue try to emphasize academic success and earning degree."

Burke credits Lessite with the good standing Demon athletes believes that NSU is pre pared for the reform because of how much ac demics were already fro and center topics.

"I'll be honest with y and this is a complement Julie, but there is not whole lot more that '

could do," Burke said. In the fall, NSU had student-athletes graduate 133 made the Honor Roll and eight had a 4.0 GPA The Demons had 12 athlete placed on All-SLC academi teams, six from the footbal team, five from soccer, and

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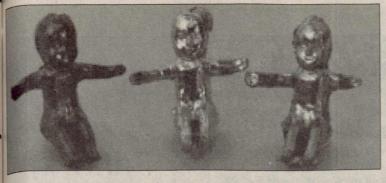
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# Magic vs. **Madness**

Check out our guide to Mardi Gras fun whether you stay in Natchitoches or hit the streets of New Orleans. Life, page 5

### Rising stars

Coach McConathy teaches talent at NSU and also under his own roof Sports, page 8



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### Sauce on the Side

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p by former Spring enrollment dropped at NSU this semester for the first time in six years.

t big event The total enrollment for the Spring 2005 semester nent in Little showed that there are currently 9,606 students regis-Feb. 19 and tered for classes. This is a decrease from 10,546 students in the fall 2004 semester and 9,881 students last elcomes any spring.

> Registrar Lillie Bell said the drop in enrollment between the fall and spring semesters is a common trend, but the drop in number of students from the previous spring is something that has not occurred in

While the drop in enrollment can be attributed to a eam is cure, the guys number of factors ranging from the looming implemenhat girls are tation of new admission guidelines to past changes in come to join tuition, no single cause was immediately identifiable.

> The registrar's office expects enrollment to drop again next semester when the University implements more rigid admission standards.

> > **Andrew Shirley**

#### Nursing scholarship created

A new scholarship is now available for students in the College of Nursing.

The Armand and Docia Lestage LaCour Endowed Scholarship was made possible through donations to the NSU Foundation from the Rev. Doyle and Barbara Bailey of Natchez, honoring Mrs. Bailey's grandparents, along with matching donations from the Rapides Foun-

"Nursing is important because my grandmother was such a caregiver," Barbara Bailey said. "She took care of children, grandchildren, neighbors. A nursing scholarship is a way to honor that and make it last.

Kelly Kay, development information specialist for the NSU Foundation, said the scholarship is for \$600 per semester and is based on academic standing and conted," Gast tributions to the nursing field. Recipients must be a resident of Louisiana and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Ann Falcone of Shreveport is the first recipient of this

**Shannon Harper** 

#### Journalism students offered new scholarship

A new scholarship is available to junior and senior vill be State Journalism majors this semester.

> John and Carol Manno founded the Michael Peter Manno Memorial Scholarship, which is named after their first child, with an initial gift of \$10,000.

Candidates are preferably from the Caddo and Bossier Parishes, and should have a strong interest in the community. Candidates should also be outgoing and partici-Pate in campus activities.

**Daphney Johnson** 

#### e think it is NSU nursing wins state award

NSU's nursing program has been named "Nursing School of the Year" by the Louisiana State Nurses Association Foundation.

This award was announced at the association's Nightingale Awards Ceremony on Jan. 22 at the Holiday Inn in

Debra Shelton, assistant professor for the nursing program received an award for "Nurse of the Year."

"I was stunned when my name was announced," Shelton said. "A number of outstanding nurses around the state had been nominated, and I was just thrilled to be nominated with them. I have been a nurse for 28 years, and this was the greatest moment in my life to share With my mother and nursing colleagues."

Susan Pierce, associate professor, and Ann Deshotels, dssistant professor, also received awards.

**Shannon Harper** 

Look for the Current Sauce readership surveys to be distributed very soon!

# Study gives NSU good review Agency report claims NSU runs smoothly despite 'limited resource base'

News Editor

A comprehensive institutional review of NSU has resulted in a largely favorable report, sighting only a few areas in need of immediate improvement.

University Louisiana System hired The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, a national non-profit agency, to conduct the study.

ULS president Sally Clausen, along with NSU President Randall Webb and ULS and Board of Regents members, presented the review's findings to a group of about 200 NSU faculty members and students at an assembly in Magale Recital Hall Wednesday afternoon.

the success and progress this University has enjoyed," Clausen said. "This is not the Bible. This is a snapshot from people who are professionals in this business."

According to NCHEMS's official report, the review's goal was to identify measures NSU can take "to strengthen the University and improve the effectiveness of its operations" as well as actions ULS can take to aid in this process.

To accomplish this goal, the center interviewed a variety of people affiliated with NSU: Webb, vice presidents, deans, department heads, enrollment and recruitment staff, randomly selected faculty members and students, state legislators from the

"The report underscores region, Natchitoches mayor Wayne McCullen, members of the Louisiana Board of Regents and ULS executives.

> The review offers 18 main observations and suggestions, the first of which pertains to funding. The report found that although NSU is "operating on a very limited resource base," the administration is using the available resources efficiently and spending money appropri-

> "There is no evidence whatsoever that money is being poured into the administration at the expense of student services," Clausen

> The report also highlighted the high level of "affection" the students and faculty feel

"This is not the Bible. This is a snapshot from the people who are professionals in this business." for the real good quote in here."

Sally Clausen

University of Louisiana System president

Clausen said this finding is noteworthy because it is 'something the observers have never encountered to this degree.

between the administration and faculty. Clausen cited an instance in which NSU Cabinet members knew about a budgetary shortfall but failed ulsystem.net.

to inform department heads about it. For more information on the impact of this review as

well as the findings of two As criticism, the report other, more specialized pointed out NSU's need to reviews of NSU, check the improve communication Feb. 17 edition of the Current Sauce.

The complete NCHEMS official report can be found at the

# Stolen equipment returned to KNWD

By Cheryl Thompson

Sauce Reporter KNWD's remote broadcast-

ing equipment has been returned after it was stolen in March.

The stolen equipment was a PA speaker, a mixer, and a computer. The speaker and mixer were damaged. The speakers were missing parts and their wires were stripped, General Manager of KNWD

Brad Hartley said. The Natchitoches Police Department has had the equipment since the first week of October but no one came to pick it up until Tues-

The stolen equipment is used for remote broadcasting and did not affect the radio station's regular broadcasts. KNWD operations engineer Roy Davis said the equipment

"It was nothing that would keep us off the air," Davis

Hartley said, "If we were to have a show that [the equipmentl would be an extra set of speakers to use."

Davis said the station would have found other means of production if the equipment had been vital.

The suspect in the burglary has not been captured and th police have put out warrants for the suspect's arrest.

"We know who the individual is and will make the arrest as soon as we can locate him," NSU Det. Sgt. Doug Prescott

Police also found a setup of speakers and new computers that were stolen from Wal-Mart. The burglars were using the stolen equipment to produce their own music.



Chris Reich / the CURRENT SAUCE

Natchitoches Police Department employee Joe Metoyer (left) and Detective Sgt. Jeff Franks inspect the recovered radio equipment in the NPD evidence storage room.

# Senate meeting focuses on classroom lockouts

By Kyle Carter Sauce Reporter

After a long debate the SGA settled to amend a bill dictating when teachers can lock their doors after the start of Sen. Shantel Wempren said

it is unfair that teachers lock students out of their classrooms only a few minutes after class starts. You go to class and get

locked out after five minutes," Wempern said. "I've heard of students showing up to class a couple of minutes late and having to take notes in the hall, and that is not fair."

The bill originally banned teachers from locking students out of the classroom for being late except on exam days when instructors could do so only 10 minutes after the

Sen. Fred Kuechenmeister was against the original draft



Chervi Thompson / the Current Sauce

SGA members meet Monday night in the Cane River Room in the Student Union to discuss weekly business. The SGA meets every Monday night at 7p.m. and all students are welcome to attend the meetings.

of the bill. He voiced his wish time." to amend the bill to protect those students who do make it to class on time.

"I don't think it is fair to students who make it on time to pay for those who don't,"

The SGA settled to amend the bill to state that teachers have the right to lock students out of class after 10 minutes on both regular class days and exam days. This would allow Kuechenmeister said. "We are for instances of classes runon a contract to show up on ning longer than normal or for Brown was scheduled to come

other inconveniences that make it hard to arrive on time.

The SGA voted against a bill to provide money to speaker Denis Brown to come to campus. Brown is a motivational speaker from Baton Rouge with a degree in accounting.

to campus this evening to speak with students. Sen. Carlos Hartwell said Brown would make a great Black History Month speaker to bring to campus. The SGA voted against paying \$1,250 to help bring Brown to campus because the Office of Cultural Diversity had already made plans to pay for the speaker anyway.

Vice President Zack Pulliam said the Office of Cultural Diversity did all the ground work to get Brown, and all the SGA would be doing is reimbursing them for the speaker. The SGA would be getting either the good publicity of bringing the speaker to campus while having done nothing to get him, or the negative publicity of wanting to tack themselves onto something they had no hand in planning just to look good.

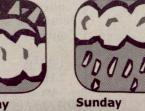
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# Bracing for the 'Bracelet'

By Savanna Mahaffey Sauce Reporter

After weeks of rehearsals and months of planning, the Student Activities Board will present the 46th annual Lady of the Bracelet

The pageant will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 12th in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Preliminaries for the event took place in the fall, and 17 hopefuls were narrowed down to the 12 remaining contestants. The women vying for the LOB title are Denise Quezaire, Aimee Hoffmann, Lacey Willet, Christina Fisher, Heather McCarthy, Courtney LaCaze, Sherreta Fields, Victoria Smith, Lindsay Visicaro, Devin Allen, Andrea swimsuit, evening gown and inter-Pang and Crystal Whitman.

All contestants must be unmarried, full-time NSU students with a 2.0 GPA or higher and be between the ages of 17 and 24.

The reigning Miss Louisiana, Jennifer Dupont, will be the pageant's mistress of ceremonies.

The Creative and Performing Arts Department is helping to provide the entertainment, which will include the NSU jazz orchestra directed by Galindo Rodriguez, the NSU Demon Dazzlers, LOB Dancers, and the NSU men's chorus directed by Michael Rorex. The current LOB Alicia Schultz, will receive a ballot. The ballots will be



Last year's LOB finalists Ashley Dunham, Sarah Jessica Rhodes, Alicia M. Schulz, Andrea Courtlynn Pang, and Wanetah

also perform.

The pageant consists of talent, view competitions.

Walmsley, receive their awards.

Head of the SAB LOB committee, Jessica Lee, said the talent section will include many different acts this year.

"There will be jazz performances, pianists, singers and ballet performances," Lee said.

Audience members will get a chance to participate in the pageant by voting for their favorite LOB contestant for the Liz Carroll's People's Choice Award. Kelly Manuel, who co-coordinated the pageant with Greek Adviser Yonna Pasch, said audience members will

picked up in the middle of the pageant, and the results will be announced during the awards portion of the event.

Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet 2005 will be crowned at the end of the night, at which time she will officially be qualified for the Miss Louisiana pageant. She will receive a one-year full scholarship to NSU, free textbooks, a free meal plan and a \$500 cash scholar-

The first runner-up will receive a full paid one-semester scholarship and a trophy. Second, third and fourth runners-up will receive cash scholarships as well as trophies.

The 2005 LOB will receive a solid

represents the University in public. The current bracelet was recently

refurbished and holds charms dating back to 1983. The first bracelet was retired in 1982 and is showcased in Watson Library. In 1958, Kahne Dipola was named the first LOB, and since then, every titleholder has worn the bracelet.

A new charm will be added to the official bracelet to represent the 2005 titleholder. The SAB purchases the charm but allows the titleholder to choose it.

Admission to the pageant is free for students who present a current NSU identification card, and general admission tickets will be available at the door for \$5. Children six gold bracelet to wear when she and under are admitted at no cost.

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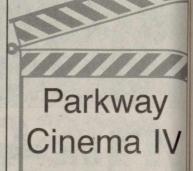
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# NSU graduate gives art show

By Kyle Shirley News Editor

A collection of mythological and spiritual works by Texas artist Mary Lusk will be on display in Orville Hanchey Gallery 2 of the Creative and Performing Arts building through Feb. 25.

Lusk said she tries to tell stories with her art by blending archetypal images from different cultures. All the pieces on display are mixed media works that incorporate materials such as acrylic paint, newspaper clippings and tissue

maper.
"Most of the works are based on mythology storytelling and Native American totems," Lusk said. "I also have a very strong Celtic or Welsh background, and I kind of incorporated their animal totems in with some of it. I have done extensive research to pull this together to build my own story-

Lusk described the works in this show as "practice pieces" that she uses as a warm-up to create larger

"If I'm going to paint an animal or kind of twist the animal in a story, I need to go ahead and honor it before I go into a painting and kind of desecrate it," Lusk said.

To that end, Lusk said she is creating animal images for a calendar called Earth and Sky. Two of the paintings scheduled to appear in the calendar are included in the NSU show.

Lusk said she also paints to help sort through her personal thoughts.

"When I get too many cobwebs or too much going on in my head, I just stop and I start doing these little mandalas to... get ideas from



MARY LUSK

them, and they blend into my story images," Lusk said.

Lusk received her master's degree in art from NSU in 1992 before pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. She now lives in Nacogdoches, Texas, where she works on her art full time.

Bill Bryant, a retired art professor, was one of Lusk's instructors at NSU. Bryant attended the show's opening Monday night to see how his former student has progressed.

"It's quite a change from what she's been doing," Bryant said. "It's smaller, it's more carefully thought out. It's just really welldesigned... it works together

Sophomore elementary education major Carolyn Sarkozi said she particularly liked the piece "Rabbit: Reconciling Fear."

"It was about war," Sarkozi said. "You had to look close to see the newspaper articles were about



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Sophomore elementary education major Carolyn Sarkozi studies "Rabbit: Reconciling Fear" in the closet gallery of the Creative and Performing Arts building. The painting was one of the larger works on display by Nacogdoches, Texas, resident and former NSU student Mary Lusk.

### FROM PAGE 1

President Mindy McConnell said it would be better to save the SGA's money to get its own Black History Month speaker

than to pay for this one. "We are going to get this speaker regardless if we agree on it, so we should find our own Black History Month speaker," McConnell said.

The SGA voted to admit Rick Fridrick, sophomore addictive disorders major, into the senate. Fridrick said he is happy to be a part of the organization and is ooking forward to making a difference in student govern-

"I feel I have my chance to have my say in the organization," Fridrick. "Helping people is my main goal."

The senate also voted against inducting Daniel Bangeul, a fresh- Bartley said. "We shot him down men political science major, into for being critical." the senate. Bangeul said he will not let this stop him from pursuing further work with the SGA. He said he could be rejected every day but will keep trying so his voice them in the SGA. The campus can be heard.

Sen. Matthew Bartley was March 3 at 6 p.m. in A.A. Freder angered by the decision not to icks Auditorium. The forum wil accept Bangeul into the senate. He be about campus dining and will said he felt let down for denying

"I don't think it's fair to students who make it on time to pay for those who don't. We are on a contract to show up on time.

> Fred Kuechenmeister SGA senator

was the first time in years someone has been turned down for a senate

"I am ashamed of this SGA,"

Dates were set for "Meet You Senator Day." March 15 and 16 are designated as days for students to meet the people who represent forum has now been finalized for

give students a chance to voice

Bangeul into office, and that this their opinions to ARAMARK. the Current Sauce staff wishes you a safe and fun Mardi Gras holiday! We will return Feb. 17 with our next issue.

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### NSU Police Blotter by Elizabeth Bolt

1-25-05 12:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's department called campus police to notify them of a medical emergency in Caddo Hall. An ambulance and the fire department were on their way. Two subjects were transported to the hospi-

1-26-05

10:01 p.m.

A resident of Sabine Hall requested an ambulance for a medical emergency.

10:04 p.m.

A woman from the Columns

1-27-05

2:10 a.m.

requested an ambulance because a silver truck hit the were no flames. Columns' gate.

An officer issued a verbal warning to a man at the Kappa Sigma house who was in possession of alcohol.

10:49 a.m.

A Vic's employee called because there was a fight in the Student Union. The fight was over, and the participants were gone by the time the two officers arrived.

12:13 p.m.

A call came from Roy Hall in reference to a man who had been hanging around for requested an ambulance for a hours. No one knew him, and he was acting strange.

1:07 p.m.

A woman from Kyser called because a trash can was smoking, and she was afraid it might catch fire. An officer was sent to investigate. There

1-28-05

2:48 a.m. A desk worker from Rapides called because three girls were trying to sneak in the back doors. Officers found no one but kept close patrol.

6:48 p.m.

A resident of Rapides called because the second east floor smelled like marijuana. An officer was sent to investigate. One man was taken to the detention center.

1-29-05 11:14 a.m.

A woman from LSMSA woman who was having a seizure. The woman was trans-

ported to the hospital.

5:56 p.m.

A call came in reference to a man beating a woman at the P.E. Majors' building. When an officer arrived, a black Expedition was pulling off quickly. The officer pulled the vehicle over to question the occupants. A woman in the vehicle wanted to get away from the man driving. She and another woman were transported back to the Columns. The man was told to leave campus.

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### Gonzales climbs political ladder



By J. Aaron Brown

Thirteen Democrats in the Senate voted "no" at Condee Rice's Senate confirmation, including the party

powerhouses Ted Kennedy, John Kerry and Barbara Boxer, all of whom gave her quite a grilling in the committee hearing. A president has not faced such opposition to his choice for Secretary of State in more than 175 years, but I think this is just the opening volley in the political war America is about to witness. And that is as it should be.

The Judiciary Committee's near-refusal to pass torture-monger Alberto Gonzales is the next test of the Democrats' resolve to rescue our republic from demagoguery. You remember Alberto Gonzales, right? The man who told the president that the Geneva Convention is "quaint" and "outdated?" The man who engineered the legal policies that have kept prisoners in Guantanamo Bay without lawyers or access to the outside world for YEARS now? The one Bush appointed to the Texas Supreme court, bribed, then promoted to the Justice Department? Yeah, that Alberto Gonzales.

Gonzales graduated from Harvard and went to work for the prestigious Houston firm Vinson & Elkins, whose largest clients were Enron and Halliburton. When Bush was governor, Gonzales got him out of a jury duty assignment that would have required him to disclose a 1976 arrest for drunk driving. Bush shortly made Gonzales Secretary of State, then appointed him to the Texas Supreme Court where he, along with several other justices, took money from and rendered verdicts in favor of Halliburton. In light of this "loyalty," Bush has decided to take him along on his rise to the top. No longer simply counsel to Gov. Bush, Gonzales is about to become the arm of American justice.

This is a laughable image. In spite of ongoing investigations attempting to determine whether Abu Ghraib torturers were operating under orders from

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higher up the chain of command, Gonzales maintained definitively in his committee hearing, "This was simply people who were morally bankrupt having fun. And I condemn that." In regards to the actual abuses themselves, he said "I obviously don't want to provide any kind of legal opinion as to whether or not that conduct might be criminal." So much for American justice!

All eight Democrats on the Judiciary Committee voted against Gonzales's approval, even though only two had told the others they planned to do so at their meeting the evening before. The 10 remaining committee members, all Republican, were unfortunately enough to confirm him as nominee, and this party-divided majority win will likely be the case in the senate. In 2001, John Ashcroft faced 42 votes against his confirmation, all Democrats, but the margin of the win was widened by eight party defectors who voted to approve him. I suspect we will not see a similar defec-

The Judiciary is soon to be overrun by Bush appointees and the House of Representatives has filibuster-busting bylaws, leaving Senate Democrats as the sole remaining governmental opposition to the Bush regime of any significance. The Constitution balances the parts of government against one another specifically to stop people like Bush from screwing things up too badly. Though there is little to be gained from even unanimous opposition to Gonzales' nomination in light of the backing party's majority, I hope Senate Democrats will take these nominations as a chance to dig in their heels as a real opposition party

and begin the task of truly opposing the Republicans.
By the time you read this, Gonzales will be Attorney General. The question is how.

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### Iraqis react to elections THE RIGHT SIDE By T.



Hargis

With the elections over this week, Iraqis managed to hit the polls with such numbers it out-pulled most U.S. elections, drawing almost 60 percent. Sunni Muslim clerics called for a boycott and then cried the elections weren't legitimate because they didn't partici-

Welcome to western-style democracy; if you don't vote you can't complain about who gets elected and even if you did you can't do anything about it until the next election. Acceptance of the idea of a representational government will be the hardest part of the Iraqi

For most of the nation has known only the brutal government of Saddam Hussein and his two sons. They lived their lives being told how to live and what

Will the people be able to put the right congressman in power to represent them or when the first sign of discontent happens over an issue will we see another

Recent riots in both Palestine and Afghanistan show that representational democracy in the Middle East still has hints of tribalism leadership.

There is always a charismatic leader that doesn't best represent the people but has the people's loyalty. Arafat, who passed just recently, was elected to the head of the Palestinian Authority but ran the show with an authoritative tight grip.

Afghanistan had their elections more than three months ago and with the light of the media and the world on Iraq, we forget the Afghan version of elections was cracking a deal with drug pushing warlords to keep the peace. Most of that country is still outside of governmental control.

Were the Iraqi elections legitimate? Probably so, but

that will not be the test to see if they are successful. People are elected not to govern the Iraqi people as many people would have you think, they are elected to write a constitution and a style of government. Just like in America in the 19th century, these dele-

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### Student responds to column on capital punishment

I am greatly disturbed by Mr.DeBrun's sympathy for Ted Bundy and for all murderers who are sentenced to death. I understand that his reason for referring to Bundy was to focus on the brutal method, "2000 volts of electricity streaming through his body," to which death was imposed upon him. However, I applaud the brutality of the state and wish it would have been 4000 volts. Ted Bundy killed over 30 innocent people. No amount of pain can ever be dealt to him that will equal the amount of pain he caused for the victims and their families

Mr. DeBrun states that "death is the ultimate loss." I agree that it is and thus, those who strip people of their greatest possession, their life, should be punished by receiving the ultimate loss. He also explains that families, including those of death row inmates, suffer when a loved one is killed. He criticizes the "judgment of those who sentence him with utter malice and disgust." If Mr.DeBrun has a problem with murderers being judged, perhaps he should work on eliminating the United States' judicial system, complete with paid judges whose purpose is to judge injustices. As for malice and disgust, the death penalty is the answer to ridding the country of those who act in "utter malice and disgust."

Mr. DeBrun acknowledges that murderers should never be granted freedom. Well, it is not good enough for me, or any of my tax-paying friends, to accept paying to keep convicted killers alive. Today inmates on death row extend their date of execution by filing appeal after appeal. The more unfortunate fact, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, is that in 2001, 53% of prisoners guilty of violent crimes were released on parole. So if we follow your plan of keeping criminals in jail, they'll just be let out within

Not only do we need to continue issuing death sentences, but we also need to expedite the appeals process and execute these beasts as quickly as possi-ble. Mr. DeBrun frowns upon the fact that the death penalty is practical and so-called "a simple solution to a complex problem." I don't understand why anyone would prefer impracticality in any area of government spending. The sentence of death is a simple problem to a simple solution... you kill people, you

While I recognize the irrevocable tragedy of wrongful death sentences, I realize that it is part of the process of ensuring that sick criminals who threaten human existence are removed from the people's lives again. If we were stricter on criminal particularly the implementation of imme diate death to convicted murderers, maybe those who kill would be scared of the consequences. Currently, prison is a reward to most of them.

Mr. DeBrun asks if there are not other means of punishment that are equally severe. Apparently nothe doesn't offer a suggestion. He expresses his desire for a punishment that expresses the humanity that the killer failed to show. I think that removing the dangerous beast from society is the most humane thing we can do. Criminals will never see that "lifetime of confinement" that Mr. DeBrun's naivety

Crime is on the rise and until society realizes that harsh, frightening penalties are the only true deterrent, people will continue to be robbed, raped, and murdered in increasing numbers. It's really sweet of Mr. DeBrun to feel sorry for those of death row, but he needs to learn that if they weren't put to death, they would be moving into his neighborhood after a few years. If Ted Bundy wasn't executed fifteen years ago, Mr. DeBrun, you could be having breakfast with

Mindy McConnell Senior, Political Science major

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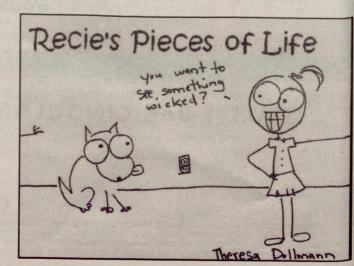
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get killed. There's no complexity about it. Of course, pro-life-for-killers advocates may argue that there have been death row inmates later proven to be innocent, but I assure you that it is a very, very small world with absolutely no chance of being exposed to

him tomorrow. Isn't that nice?

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#### It's not you, it's me...

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When it comes to breaking up, as being in best inter. you have probably heard or even used this tired line yourself: It's hether or not you, it's me. If you are guilty the com. of this line - shame on you! Iraqi will Those five words are the biggest pt it is what cop-out when it comes to diswill tell agreements or break-ups in relatrue suc. tionships. So today, I am going to in this try to help you eradicate this le Middle lame excuse of a reason from

democra- First of all, I realize that people experiment may want to spare other's feelings by saying this phrase. Now, ections and take a moment, and think about h the presi. this. You are breaking up with esemblance this person; they will be hurt no matter what. During the whole ce chief and process of breaking up it is next icy, the only to impossible to spare someone's leach other feelings. However, at least in the end, if you tell them something real and honest, the other person major. The may respect you for being so canis personal did. In fact, this may prove easier for you. For example: the Univer-

Heartbreaker (that is you): We need to talk.

Dumped loser: Why? What's

Heartbreaker: I'm breaking up

Dumped loser: Why? I thought

we were so happy...

Heartbreaker: I can no longer stand by and watch the way you pick your boogers and flick them across the room. Last night, one hit me in the face. I have reached my breaking point. I just can't date you anymore. to be inno- You're a booger picker and flicker, and well, I'm not ...

Dumped loser (crying and sobbing): How can you say these things? I love you!

Heartbreaker: Hey! At least I

Dumped loser (nodding exposed to understandingly, almost gratefully): Thank you. on of imme-

Okay, so it may not go exactly like this, but you get the idea. See? This way the heartbreaker can walk away relieved with everything out in the open and no grudges. Also, on the plus side, maybe the dumped person can fix his or her not-so-attractive attributes or attitudes. Thus making them more dateable, which is great because they are single now and they need that.

Now, moving on to the opposite situation - if the problem really is you and not the other Person. In this situation, still stick with the truth. I know this is a novel idea, people, shocking really, but it is easier than coming up with a lie or lame line as seen above that will make you look like an idiot when you get caught. So this one might go omething like this:

Heartbreaker: I'm breaking up

Dumped loser: Why? I ... I hought you loved me.

Heartbreaker: I do, but frankly, I can't see myself sleeping with one person right now.

Dumped loser (crying): What? What are you saying?

Heartbreaker: Well, baby, I'm a not sexy woman/man and a lot of

people want a piece of this... Dumped loser (gasps): You

18! (runs away sobbing uncon-

Maybe you do not need to get Quite as detailed when you break with someone, but they serve at least a grain of truth. Also, the longer the relationship has lasted, I believe the more lonest and candid you should be hen splitting up. Otherwise, he other person is left wonderng why they just wasted a year of their lives with someone who does not even have the guts tell them why a relationship ith them is just not going to Work. In the end, do not leave a relationship open-ended by saysomething like "It's not me, you," the person you are breaking up with deserves more than that, and so do you.

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All the trappings of a New Orleans Mardi Gras



the DOs and DON'Ts of Mardi Gras 2K5

Crawfish, king cake and

**By Samantha Foley** 

Dixie-land jazz. That's right folks. The sights and smells of Louisiana's most

distinguished holiday return. The 2005 Mardi Gras Schedule in New Orleans kicked off on Jan. 6 and continues until Feb. 8, also known as "Fat Tues-

The colors of Mardi Gras - purple for justice, gold for power and green for faith will dominate Louisiana's décor on flags, floats and costumes during the Mardi Gras season.

Also, according to the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Inc., more than 500,000 king cakes are sold each year in New Orleans between Jan. 6 and Fat Tuesday, and another 50,000 are shipped out-of-state via or "Let the good times roll," overnight courier.

Tourists from across the nation flock to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras festivities and to experience the ultimate party, Louisiana style. The metro area's more than 30,000 hotel rooms are traditionally 95

Tips to make a New Orleans trip safer than you would think!

#### DO

- · Establish a meeting place should you get separated from friend
- Have ID with contact information on you
- Cross only at crosswalks
- Be extra careful when driving or walking near

#### DON'T

- Climb over barricades
- Assume traffic will stop for you
- Approach horses unless rider indicates it is OK · Run between or chase floats for beads and
- · Approach any vehicle until it comes to a com-

Source: The New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

percent filled during this traditional holiday weekend.

Mardi Gras is a mixture of centuries-old tradition and high-tech innovations intertwined for your pleasure.

The French coined the phrase "Laissez le bon temps rouler" and NSU students are planning to do just that this Mardi Gras. 'The Sunday night parades on Bourbon Street were great last year, and I plan to return this year," says junior business major Matthew Bossier. "Last year after the parade was a

blast because we hung out at Deep South Lounge, where there is a mechanical bull, and beer is served in mason jars." Bossier suggests that all students take a trip to New Orleans to celebrate this holi-

day of our heritage.

Another NSU student who is planning to return to Mardi Gras ready to party is senior political science major Melissa Snelling. She says that she attended New Orleans parades during Fat Tuesday last year, and it is worth the drive.

"I recommend going to any

parade that is not in the French Quarter because it is dangerous." Snelling says. "You are better off attending the parades in the Garden District or on the West Bank." Mardi Gras is an OK time to

party like rock stars, but keep in mind Louisiana liquor citations such as Minor in Possession and Driving while Intoxicated, better known as MIP and DWI, are not fun things to end up with. Have fun and be safe.

For more information regarding dates of parades visit www.neworleanscvb.com.

# NATCHITOCHES TO CELEBRATE

The city will host Mardi Gras said. Magic, a series of events consisting of street performers, a parade and live musical entertainment Saturday, Jessica Breaux, assistant Main community. Street manager, said.

p.m. as dancers, artists, clowns, fortune tellers and musicians line the sidewalks of Front Street and entertain audiences, Breaux said.

One of the street performers will be the NSU theater improvisation group Out on a Limb, Associate Professor of theatre Scott Burrell

Burrell, who is the adviser of Out on a Limb, said the group is comprised of 10 students. He compared its performances to those of the comedy series Whose Line is it Any-

The audience provides really Abracadabra, 1-2-3! Magic will what the scene is going to be about, soon appear on Natchitoches' and then the actors improv the scene for the audience," Burrell

This is Out on a Limb's fifth year, and Burrell said the group performs on campus and around the

The festivities will begin at 1 and the other various street performers, the attendees then will be able to watch the Krewe of Dionysos parade, Breaux said.

The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Stage parking lot, travels down South Drive and turns left onto Keyser Avenue then on to the Pine Street Bridge. It will then turn right and travel Jefferson Street to Front Street and then onto Texas Street. Next, it will turn on Second Street and end when it approaches the

Breaux said Mardi Gras beads

Breaux said the band covers music inspired by jazz, blues and

After watching Out on a Limb be on the riverbank the entire day.

The different events of Mardi Gras Magic will benefit the economy and community and would complement Natchitoches' trademark of holding family events that attract visitors from different areas,

She said the events will be something similar to those of New Orleans, minus the vulgarity that comes with the New Orleans Mardi Gras. No alcohol will be sold in any of the food vendors on the riverbank, Breaux said.

However, as part of the festivi- charge.

host a wine-tasting reception tomorrow evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants must be at least 21 years old, Breaux said.

the Natchitoches Art Center which begins this evening at 6 and will last until 8:30 p.m. The exhibit will continue tomorrow at the same hours and Saturday from 1-6 p.m., Breaux said.

The exhibit will display histori-

Natchitoches since 1998, but this entertainment and street perform-Mardi Gras Magic will become an annual event.

#### By Jimmy Brown way? and said they depend heavily and other trinkets will be thrown ties, Maggio's Package Liquor will Sauce Reporter on the audience. during the parade.

# THE MAGIC OF MARDI GRAS

# Church Street Bridge

After the parade, attendees will be able to enjoy live music provided by River Revue, who will perform on the riverbank stage from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

She also said food vendors will

Breaux said.

Also, the city of Natchitoches, and other community sponsors will back a Mardi Gras exhibit in

cal Mardi Gras paraphernalia including costumes, masks and photos.

The parade has been a part of will be the first year for the live ers, Breaux said. She is certain

All Mardi Gras events are free of

# Watch this Actor's Nightmare Theatre department prepares

for its newest production

By Savanna Mahaffey dark comedy about taking religion Sauce Reporter

The NSU theater department will present the two-part production of An Actor's Nightmare and Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You at 7:30 p.m. from Feb. 16-19 and from Feb. 22-26 in Theatre West.

Satiric playwright Christopher Durang wrote the comedic plays. Artistic Director Roger Held said Durang was a popular comedy writer of the American theater in the 80s and 90s.

An Actor's Nightmare is about an accountant who suddenly finds himself onstage in three different plays. His fellow actors believe that he is a real actor who is well rehearsed.

The play is a comedic interpretation of all the bad things that could possibly happen to an actor in 30

The stars of An Actor's Nightmare are Billy Mowbray, Gretchen Johnson, Marissa Labry, Stacy England and Ross Schexnayder. Its companion piece, Sister Mary

to extremes. Four former students, who have led unwholesome lives not in accordance to Sister Mary Ignatius's beliefs and teachings, come back to put on a play about Jesus Christ. In doing so, they reveal their pasts and embarrass Sister Mary Ignatius, thus causing dramatic effects.

The cast includes Megan Shea, Jamie Hipp, Rob Robinson, Gwen Mahan, Melody Jones, Jacob Justice and Luke Sexton.

"A lot of hard work has gone into this play, but we're excited to see how it turns out because it's very different," Hipp said.

Artistic Director Roger Held is directing the play, Philip Kidd is the technical director, Bridget Curly is in charge of costumes, Eric Marsh is the lighting designer and Danielle LaKont is in charge of hair and make-up.

Held said the two plays are fun and silly, which is very different from the fall productions.

"We did some heavy stuff in the fall, and this is light and fun, "Held Ingnatius Explains It All For You, is a said.



Cheryl Thompson/the CURRENT SAUCE Junior Gretchen Johnson and junior Billy Mowbray pose during a rehearsal of An Actor's Nightmare Wednesday night. An Actor's Nightmare will run from Feb. 16-19 and Feb. 22-26 at 7:30 in Theatre West as part one of a two-part pro-

#### Fake rings?

By Eric Edwards The Orlando Sentinel

I wouldn't want to say it's easy being a woman.

If I did, I'd probably get strung up by my own small intestine before I even finished this column.

But when it comes to dating, women who have it good often suffer an embarrassment of Riches ... and Davids and Henrys and

It seems some women get so much attention from admiring menfolk they have been forced to devise a way to weed out some of the lesssuitable suitors.

While there are women who would love the extra attention, those who are subjected to that onslaught have found that more is not always better when it comes to finding Mr. Right. So in order to keep some of the wolves of dating at bay, these princesses of popularity picked up on the fake engagement ring.

The New York Post recently reported that these faux rocks are the accessories of the season for fashionable ladies who just want to be left

They drop \$10 on a gaudy stone, apply to left ring finger and watch as one-time pursuers fade into the background.

One woman told the Post that she no longer has any trouble walking past leering or howling construction workers. When the guys stop shoveling dirt and start shoveling lines, she just flashes her ring and the curtain falls.

Of course, this raises the question: why don't these women wear wedding bands? But I guess if you're going for the fake-out, you might as well do it with the style that only a diamond can

While I admire any innovation that makes single life easier, I wonder if these young ladies realize that not only may they be chasing away Mr. Wrong, their twocarat fake may also be dissuading real catches from

making passes. Let's face it: it would be madness for any guy to hit on a woman who is wearing an enormous jewel. As far as I can tell, most women who sport engagement rings are so proud of their new accessory you don't even have to see the ring to know they're

spoken for. Frankly, there are enough honestly engaged women in the world who are off-limits that it seems unfair for women to muddy the waters of dating just because they

hate to tell a guy to buzz off. Fortunately for men who have fallen victim to the fake engagement ring dupe and who spend their nights cold, lonely and without a tender woman's lap on which to lay their head, the "lap pillow" has been introduced in

Tokyo. Manufactured by Trane KK, the lap pillow resembles the look and feel of a

woman's lap in a mini-skirt. According to the company, which sells the dolls for under \$100, single men have taken an instant liking to the pillows, and they have already shipped about 3,000 of them.

With innovative ideas such as the fake engagement ring and the fake woman's lap, it looks as if society is making strides toward segregating the sexes so much that our grandkids will want to huddle around the fireside when we're old and listen to tales about the archaic ritual of "dating."

That is, if we are able to get up off our fake women's laps long enough to go out and find a woman who's not wearing a faux engagement ring and might be interested in joining us for a cup of coffee sometime.

# Workin' Hard for the Money!

Student entrepreneurs show their budding business sense

By Will Moses Sauce Reporter

NSU entrepreneurs overcome obstacles in their everyday lives to succeed in the business world.

NSU freshman graphic artist Dave Stabley and NSU alumna Latoya Citizen juggle school, life and career by owning their own businesses while still attending

Stabley, a 38-year-old non-traditional student said after working for 20 years, he decided to go to school and eventually become a corporate trainer. He said his business, Game Fu, is "Natchitoches' most unique hangout."

"It's my passion...I'm a gamer and I provide my passion to the community," Stabley said.

A college education is what Stabley now focuses on. Stabley said he wants to train corporations with a team of trainers on new technologies and techniques that may help their businesses.

Right now Game Fu hours vary because of Stabley's schedule, but he makes special arrangements for group events.

Class schedules and schoolwork amplify rifts in a business owner's agenda. Citizen, owner and founder of Citizen Custom Publishing, said she knows of this first hand.

"My company is now suffering because I do have to focus (on school)," Citizen said. "I rely on my regular customers to spread the word about my business."

Citizen Custom Publishing is a desktop publishing, embroidery and screen print company that specializes in customer satisfaction at a reasonable rate, Citizen

Initially, Citizen worked for a local company. There she said she was unhappy with the poor cus- merchandise.

tomer service and high prices. "I decided to start my own busi-

ness after I quit," Citizen said. Citizen said better prices and better service drove her to "pro-

vide quality and style for less." College students do not have the luxury to spend too much money, and Citizen said she understands because she was in the same shoes.

"I am proud to say I am an alumna of NSU's business department," Citizen said. "I know that college students live a broke life."

Citizen Custom Publishing and Game Fu both are locally owned and operated businesses. If you would like further information, contact Dave Stabley with Game Fu at 357-8828 or visit 116 Touline. You can contact Latoya Citizen at 354-7239 or check out her website at www.citizencustompublishing.citymake.com and browse her



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Dave Stabley, a freshman general studies major and owner of Game Fu, poses in front of a cardboard display of Regdar, a human fantasy fighter from the third edition of *Dungeons and Dragons*.

Superbowl to be super clean?

Strict censorship efforts in place despite no tape delay

By Gail Pennington St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Unless Paul McCartney moons the crowd, the halftime show at this year's Super Bowl will be as squeaky clean as the NFL can make

No tape delay will be in place during the halftime, which also includes singer Alicia Keyes. But the NFL says it is reviewing "all facets" of the halftime performances in advance.

After last year's outcry about Janet Jackson's infamous wardrobe malfunction, commercials for Super Bowl XXIX, airing Feb. 6 on Fox, came under scrutiny as well. So audiences won't see Mickey Rooney's bare, 84-year-old backside (the Airborne spot didn't pass muster) or a Bud Light ad parody showing a stagehand ripping Jackson's top with a beer bottle. (Anheuser-Busch agreed with Fox and the NFL not to air the parody during the game but is getting even more publicity by putting it up on the Budweiser.com Web site.)

For fear of offending mass audiences, Fox has gone so far as to rename its "Best Damn Sports Show Period," usually seen on Fox Sports Net, as the "Best Darn Super Bowl Road Show Period."

Viewers certainly shouldn't expect to see anything like the "Desperate Housewives" promoparody that stirred up controversy during a "Monday Night Football" broadcast in November.

The spot was scripted by "Housewives" creator Marc Cherry at the request of ABC and wasn't intended to be controversial, Cherry told TV critics meeting in Los Angeles. "We were just that stu-

The spot was supposed to feature "Housewives" co-star Nicollette Sheridan with "MNF" announcer John Madden, Cherry said, adding, "A woman as glorious-looking as Nicollette Sheridan throwing herself at John Madden is just funny."

In his spot, "the towel wasn't dropped at the end, and there wasn't a jump into the arms," Cherry Said. After Madden couldn't appear and was replaced by Terrell Owens of the Philadelphia Eagles, "suddenly this thing became this other thing that it wasn't really intended to be.'

Cherry said he felt bad that some viewers were offended, but added, "I didn't really realize `Monday Night Football' was such the family viewing experience. I wouldn't let my 5-year-old watch beer commercials and big-breasted cheerleaders every Monday, but that's me."

# Million dollar review for 'Baby'

Sauce Reporter

Clint Eastwood has become one of the greatest actor-directors since Orson Welles with films such as Mystic River and Unforgiven. His latest success, Million Dollar Baby, boasts an impressive cast including Eastwood, Hilary Swank in her best role since *Boys Don't Cry* and the unforgettable Morgan Freeman. This movie is without a doubt one of the best films of the year and the best boxing film since underdog of sport Raging Bull.

Maggie (Swank) is a 31-year-old waitress who dreams of becoming a boxer. Frank (Eastwood) is down on his luck, old-school boxing trainer who just lost his best fighter. He is constantly searching for redemption from his fighters and from God, without help from his irritable priest. Frank is reluctant, if not downright stubborn, to the idea of training a girl, calling the idea of women's boxing "a freak

By Eric Duhon show." Thanks to some convincing from his lifelong friend and former trainee Flip (Freeman), Frank accepts Maggie as his new fighter.

> Maggie quickly rises to the top, knocking out most of her opponents in the first round. The film instantly takes a turn from a poppy, girl power chick flick to a gritty, hardcore

boxing flick that knows no genders. My friends and I were all cheering every other scene for the latest films.

Million Dollar Baby is a well-structured powerhouse of boxing, redemption and unconditional love. The movie realistically shows a boxer's rise to the top and hard fall to the point of no return. Don't miss the touching scene between Frank and his fallen fighter, who have adopted a fatherdaughter relationship. My eyes started to fill with tears along with

Eastwood at the sight of Swank's pain. It's incredible how fast a film can transition from inspirational to

Eastwood, a movie veteran, is a the top of his game as both an actor and a director - not to mention a

composer. Swank is an instant knock out winner in the Oscar boasting fiery but con

trolled performance. Freeman subtle convincing as the one-eye ex-boxer also acts as th film's raspy narra-

If you're looking for a film that will make you laugh, cry, cheer and generally believe in the human spirit, Million Dollar Baby is worth more than the price of the ticket lady Demo

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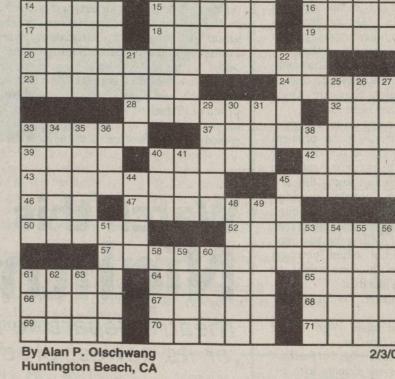
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Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Service

Senior Alexandra Nieto was defeated in her first match of 2005 at this weekend's tournament in Lafayette. Nieto lost in singles and doubles action but hopes to rebound Feb. 12 at NSU against Tyler Junior College

# **NSU falls at ULL**

Sports Editor

The NSU Demon tennis team and their coach Willie Paz swung into action Saturday at the University Louisiana-Lafayette for their first tournament of the spring.

The bright spot on Saturday for the Demons was the No. 6 singles match with Marcia Alcantara's three-set win over ULL's Kimmie Lyles. Alcantara posted the only win for the Demons during their 6-1 season-opening loss at Lafayette.

Lady Demon Anneline Zerwick dropped the No. 1 match to Tammy Day 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, while in the No. 2 slot Lady Cajun Celine Vwedeveld edged NSU's Catalina Villegas 7-6,

Also in singles action Fernanda Silva dropped her first match as a Demon in No. 3 singles to Chanell Meijer, Lady Demon Alexandra Nieto lost 6-3, 6-0 to Thais Bortoletto in the No. 4 match, and NSU's Camila Prado was beaten in the No. 5 singles by Susan Linden 6-4,

The Lady Demons did not see

By Justin Hebert any more success in doubles action. Zerwick and Nieto dropped the No. 1 doubles 8-6, Villegas and Prado lost 8-4 for the No. 2 doubles match and finished in the No. 3 match with an 8-2 loss by Alcantara and Magali Van den Bergh.

Despite a rough start Paz has a very positive outlook for his Lady Demons because of new additions throughout the line up.

"We are going to be better than last year because of new recruits," Paz said. "It is very important to have a strong player at the bottom of the line up, not just have top three or four great players."

The bottom slot in that lineup this past weekend was Lady Demon Alcantara.

Paz also said his team has made many mental improvements from the past year along with working on improving their shot selections and techniques.

"Basically we've worked on a lot of consistency and tactic," Paz said. "Tactic wise we had to improve. We are a good team, we are better players, we just have to know when to use our shots and be able

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to use them at the right time."

The Lady Demons tennis team is such a diverse group of girls the lineup consists of players hailing from Venezuela, Columbia, Belgium, South Africa and Australia.

But Paz contributes this team's accomplishments in the past to how tight knit the bunch are.

"The reason why we are successful is because we are so close," Paz said. "The girls are very close. They work together. They help each other. They cheer for each other. They do things together school wise, on the tennis court and outside."

The Lady Demons will be defending their own Jack Fisher Tennis Complex Feb. 12 as they take on Tyler Junior College, and they will not return to action again until Feb. 19 as they host Southern Mississippi.

'There are no easy ones," Paz said. "We can't say we are going to beat so-and-so now. Everybody has been recruiting, and they have very strong teams."

# Football team signs 30 for 2005 recruiting class

**Courtesy of Sports** Information www.nsudemons.com

Wednesday Scott Stoker and the NSU football program announced their list of 2005 signees who will be joining the team for next sea-

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NSU signed 28 high school players and two from junior colleges. Among the list of signees there are 20 from Louisiana, seven from

Texas and three from Mississippi. "I've been asked a few times who is the 'steal' of this class, and I hink there's not just one, there are dozen or more. We are getting guys who had a lot of other options, but they chose to be Demons, and we couldn't be hap-Pier," Stoker said. "Some of our signees said 'no' to programs that played in (Division I-A) bowls last season. We started the recruiting process with a lot of names on the board at each position in May, and we've gotten the top-ranked guy at nearly every position. Players want to win, they want to com-Pete, they like the idea of being Part of a championship program, and we've got a lot to sell at Northwestern from an academic stand-

Point, which was very big with

this group of recruits.

Here is a list of the 30 signees:

- Dante Austin, fb, 5-10, 235, Galveston Ball HS, Galveston,
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- Michael Carona, te, 6-3, 220, Independence HS, Independence • Kenneth Charles, ath, 6-3, 190, Jennings HS, Jennings
- Kevin Copeland, ol, 6-4, 290, Richland HS, North Richland Hills,
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- New Iberia HS, New Iberia • Kevin Dowell, p/k, 6-4, 185, Northwest Mississippi JC, Senato-
- bia, Miss. • Patrick Earl, tb, 6-0, 205, Timpson HS, Timpson, Texas
- Wesley Eckles, db, 6-1, 185, Mansfield HS, Mansfield • Stiffon Ethridge, tb, 6-1, 210,
- Newton HS, Newton, Texas • Gordon Freeman, te, 6-3, 220, Longview HS, Longview, Texas
- Quinten Goodie, fb, 5-11, 235, Northside HS, Lafayette

- Isaiah Greenhouse, lb, 6-2, 205, Marksville HS, Marksville
- James Hall, de, 6-4, 235, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Miss.
- Shayne Magee, wr, 6-3, 180, Covington HS, Covington
- John Paysinger, dt, 6-3, 250, Jacksonville HS, Jacksonville,
- Darius Perkins, lb, 6-3, 250, Brookhaven HS, Brookhaven,
- Troy Phan, ol, 6-4, 300, Neville HS, Monroe
- Justin Phillips, DB, 5-9, 185,
- Bolton HS, Alexandria • Jeff Rich, 6-5, 300, Alexandria
- Senior HS, Alexandria • Kendall Rodrigue, dt, 6-2, 255,
- Sean Santos, qb, 6-0, 180, Holy Cross HS, New Orleans

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# 5 players sign for soccer

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NSU soccer head coach Jimmy Mitchell stayed close to home when four of the five girls he inked on National Signing Day

hail from Louisiana and Texas. Mitchell, approaching his sixth season as the Demon leader, teplaced four seniors by picking up signatures from Manette Keller and Samantha Penico of the New Orleans area; Hannah Casey from Fort Worth and Bobbie Haye from San Antonio. He also signed Lauten Miller out of Portland, Ore-

"We were very fortunate to get very good athletes,"

Courtesy of Sports Mitchell said. "Anytime you can get talent from the area that has the potential to make an influence on your program, it only enhances the development of soccer local-

The NSU team is a three-time Southland Conference champion and still the only women's soccer team in Louisiana to ever participate in the NCAA Tournament (2000, 2002). It finished the 2004 season 11-11 overall and tied for second in the standings at 8-4.

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• Hannah Casey • 5-7 • Midfielder • Fort Worth, Texas • North Crowley High School

• Bobbie Hayes • 5-6 • Defender • San Antonio, Texas • MacArthur High School

• Manette Keller • 5-6 • Defender • New Orleans, Louisiana • St. Mary's Dominican

• Lauren Miller • 5-7 • Forward • Portland, Oregon • Grant High School

• Samantha Penico • 5-2 • Midfielder • Metarie, Louisiana • Archbishop Chapelle



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### Demons as pros

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This past week I was able to meet San Diego Padre pitcher Brian Lawrence.

Early in my reporting career, (yes I call it a career because it takes up the majority of my time and it's what I want to do for the rest of my life), I thought it was extremely exciting to be able to sit down and chat with a professional athlete.

Growing up, most kids only dream about playing professional sports, and those of us who just couldn't let it go that we weren't good enough write about the athletes we would like

I would not say speaking with someone like Lawrence caused me to be starstruck, but the feeling of being able to talk with athletes who were good enough to make it to the next level is a little thrilling.

While thinking about it over this weekend, I realized that in my five-year stint here at NSU I not only have talked with but also have befriended some Demon athletes who are now playing at that pro

As a freshman, one of the first athletes I was introduced to was Demon wide receiver Nathan Black. I would like to extend a huge congratulations to him now that the Washington Redskins signed him in early January as an unrestricted

free agent.

Black was an outstanding receiver at NSU, taking the Demons to the playoffs and setting a school record with 222 yards on 13 catches in a playoff game.

Out of college Black played five games with the Carolina Panthers but was on the injured list the next season before being released.

He then spent a short time with the New Orleans Saints but was released before the start of the sea-

Let's hope Nathan has found a home in Washington for some time to come.

Another former Demon standout, Craig Nall, who I was familiar with while he was here playing at NSU, has been playing third string behind arguably one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history, Brett Favre.

Nall, who was a fifthround draft pick of the Green Bay Packers in 2002, was moved to Favre's backup last season after then backup Doug Pederson was placed on the injured

This past season Nall saw limited action on the field playing behind the durable Favre but made sure to shine when he got his chance. He appeared in five games completing 23 of 33 of his passes for 314 yards and four touchdowns. With Favre getting older and looking to retirement, Nall may see his chance to be a starter soon.

As far as former Demon football players, Terrence McGee shines above them all at this point in time. Selected to the AFC Pro Bowl Team as a return specialist for the 2004-2005 season, McGee has been outstanding for the Buffalo

With three kickoff returns for touchdowns, including one for 94 yards against defending champions New England, McGee was one return shy of tying the NFL record of kickoff returns for touchdowns

So good luck to those three and all former Demon athletes such as Mike Green, Kenny Wright, Kenta Bell, and others who are pursuing professional athletic careers.

# Lady Demons find spark

After picking up their first road win of the season Jan. 22 at Texas-San Antonio, the Lady Demons continued their success Saturday at Sam Houston State pulling away in the second half for a 83-76 victory in Southland Conference action to improve to 9-9 overall and 4-3 in league

With the win the Lady Demons are tied for third in the SLC with Louisiana-Monroe. Texas State ranks second, while undefeated Texas-Arlington leads the conference.

Demon head coach Jennifer Graf said the two road wins were very important for the team, enabling them to snap a nine game losing streak on the road.

"They were pretty huge," Graf said. "It wasn't like we weren't playing well; we just weren't winning any games on the road."

After shooting just 24 percent from the floor in the first half against the Bearkats, NSU opened the second on a 23-6 run with hot 3-point shooting from junior point guard Sheronda Bell and senior guard Diamond Cosby to take the win.

Bell racked up a careertopping 22 points to lead the Lady Demons.

"Sheronda Bell has been

By Justin Hebert up the past five or six games Sports Editor and really started playing like a point guard."

Cosby, who broke the career 1,000 point barrier Jan. 20 at Texas State, scored 19 points and 7 assists while sophomore guard Chassidy Jones picked up her second double-double of the season with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Lady Demon Amanda Bennett put up 13 points against the Bearkats after becoming the 21st person in NSU women's basketball history to exceed 1,000 points making her the 11th in school history to score 1,000 and garner 500 rebounds just a week ago at UTSA.

Dating all the way back from last season, 6-5 senior center Ashley Sparkman, ranked eighth nationally averaging 3.3 blocks per game, continued her streak to 39 games with a blocked

Sparkman compiled six more blocks to go along with her 12 rebounds.

"She's just a tremendous presence down there," Graf said.

The Lady Demons went into halftime trailing Sam Houston 34-25 but were relentless in the second half shooting 60 percent from the floor including 75 percent from 3-point land making 6

With the hot second half playing great for us," Graf NSU finished 28 of 64 shoot-



First-year Demon head coach Jennifer Graf speaks with her team during a timeout in a recent home game. Graf, at 26 years old, is the youngest head coach in Division I athletics.

while going 9 of 20 (45 per- just determined they were cent) from beyond the threepoint line. The Lady Demons also hit 18 of 26 shots from the free-throw

"They were focused the said. "She's really stepped ing at a 43.8 percent mark whole time, and they were host 8-10, 2-5 Lamar Thurs-

going to come out the second half and outplay Sam Houston," Graf said.

NSU returns to Prather,

day at 5:45.

"Lamar's a very athletic group," Graf said. We're just excited that we're in Prather Coliseum, and if we after finally getting on the can keep playing at the level right track on the road, to we're playing at we'll be

# Lawrence returns to stomping ground

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

Early Friday morning, San Diego Padre pitcher Brian Lawrence and his family arrived to a rainy NSU campus to become only the second pitcher in Demon baseball history to have his jersey retired.

NSU head coach Mitch Gaspard and the baseball program conducted their Inaugural Opening Day Banquet on Friday night to start up the 2005 season and honor the former NSU pitcher.

Lawrence went 17-10 with a 2.97 earned run average in his two years as a Demon after transferring from Panola Junior College.

Lawrence earned the 1998 Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year award and made the 1997 and 1998 All-Southland Conference teams, but he said that none of those awards could measure up to the honor he received Friday night at the Natchitoches Country Club.

"Nothing compares to that



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce San Diego Padre Brian Lawrence visited with reporters Friday to speak about NSU's baseball banquet in which his jersey was retired.

you don't know if you're worthy of it."

Lawrence's number 29 will be placed on the outfield wall along with former Demon coach Jim Well's at Brown-Stroud Field, but Lawrence said that the reality of such a prestigious acknowledgement has not quite kicked in

name and number can be on a wall like that. To have it happen is kind of surreal," Lawrence said. "I don't know I feel like I deserve that at this point, but somebody seems to think I do, and it's pretty special, and I can't thank them enough."

The projected Padres' opening day starter said from to be honest with you," "You dream of it, and childhood he had always Lawrence said. "It's a thing you're hoping one day your aspired of playing Major

would do was play professional baseball," Lawrence said. "It's the only thing I ever wanted to do, and I never let anybody tell me I couldn't do it, and it ended up happening."

Working his way through the minors, Lawrence's biggest struggle was being uncertain of whether he will still be playing no matter how well he did the previous year. He said all the traveling and being away from home added to the ordeal.

"Like I said I never gave up, but there is always in the back of your mind you are unsure, and I think that's the hardest part," Lawrence said. "Your livelihood rests in someone else's hands, and that is tough to handle. Just being away from home, traveling, and the unsureness of playing in the minor leagues is pretty tough."

Leading NSU to its second straight SLC title in his sec-

League Baseball and knew ond year as a Demon, that if he worked hard Lawrence led the league in enough he would be there strikeouts and innings pitched, giving him plenty of "My only dream ever, the experience that he said cononly thing I ever thought I tributes so much to where he

> This past season the Padres were fighting to get into the postseason until the last week of the season but fell shy. Lawrence said playing in SLC championship tournaments playoff games and even being part of a state championship playoff high school team have prepared him for pitch at the professional level.

"Competition is competition; it doesn't matter what level it is," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said returning to Natchitoches reminded him of how great all of the people are here and the fact that, besides refurbished Brown-Stroud Field, the town has not changed much at all.

"The people here are fabulous, and they all treated me well. I was expecting a few little different things but it's pretty much the same and the way I remember it, which is pretty good, it's a nice place,"

Buckley, an offensive guard from Lewisville Texas, helped the Demo offense set a single-season scoring record while early ing first-team All-SLC hol ors for a third straight se son. Johnson, a linebacke from LaPlace, led Demons' Purple Swarf defense with 108 tackles NSU (8-4) finished the se son ranked second national ly in total defense and rus

senior season next fall enter this spring's NI Draft, capped his three years as a Demon by setting ing. The p the school's career scoring as the for record (206 points) and fif ishing fourth on the NS career rushing yardage to

#### Talent rests in McConathy's bloodline By Chris Salim "I don't worry about their decisions completely to them.

Sauce Reporter

As if Demon head basketball coach Mike McConathy did have not enough talent in his 2004-2005 players, he has even more under his own roof. His two sons, Michael, 18, and Logan, 16, play basketball for St. Mary's High School in Natchitoches. Michael is a senior point guard with unbelievable quickness. Logan is a sophomore post player with great basketball instincts. But McConathy and his wife, Connie, expect more from them than being just good basketball

"We expect them to always put forth maximum effort in whatever they

McConathy said. Connie, who has been a teacher for 29 years, is not concerned about them academicalschool work because I know they have good study habits," Connie said. Their dad, however, does

stress how important school is "What you do academically carries over athletically," he said." I want them to under-

stand the importance of a good education.' Michael is planning to attend NSU next year and play for his dad. He does not feel

that will be a problem. "He is not hard on me. He tells me when I am wrong, but he does not come down hard on me unless I really mess up,"

Michael said. thought to where he is going to

"I am only a sophomore. I have plenty of time to decide."

Their parents are leaving the

"No matter where they

decide to go to school, it is the parent's job to love them," said their father. "Connie and I support them no matter where they go (to school)."

McConathy gives his children one piece of advice to carry with them. "Do what you are supposed

to do, when you are supposed

Michael and Logan play every Tuesday and Friday night as they battle for the district 3- 1A title. St. Mary's is currently leading the district with just two games remaining and ranks second in the state.

The Demons are back in Logan has not given any action today against Lamar as they look to rebound from a 77-65 setback at Sam Houston. The Demons are currently 5-2 in the Southland Conference. They are one game behind Southeastern Louisiana.



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce St. Mary's High School teammates Michael McConathy (25) and his brother Logan wait downcourt for a Norhtwood freethrow attempt.

This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau www.nsudemons.com

#### FOOTBALL **Demon players** receive awards === at banquet

The NSU football team commemorated its 200 Southland Conference championship Saturda night as senior All-Amer cans Greg Buckley ar Jamall Johnson, who have been elected permanen team captains, received the Joe Delaney Memoria Leadership awards as highlight of the annual NSU Demon Football Award Dinner.

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Senior safety Billy Ra Rutledge was voted special "There said. "Ti teams MVP and won the one of t prestigious Lester Latino tuition f Memorial Award, given by the coaching staff to the sen-The m ior player who best demon and will strates unselfishness, tremendous work ethic leadership by example good character and signif-NSU cant contributions to the

team's success. Sophomore offensiv lineman Kaleb Morain wa the first winner of the Chris Waddell Memorial Award presented to the walk-on player who best exemplifie the same characteristic chance t required of the Latino opportur Award winner. The new award pays tribute to Wad The car dell, a walk-on redshir is open t freshman offensive linema welcome from New Orleans-Holy work wit Cross who died last March just before the beginning of spring practice due to heart condition. Waddell's mother, Celeste, presented

the award. Senior kicker Josh Stors facility of was presented the Demon Academic Award for post ing the team's top grade point average, a cumulative for a little 3.78 in business administration but the j tion. Senior deep snapper out for b Tommy McClelland, youth minister at his months. church, captured the Fellowship of Christian Ath letes award.

Senior offensive lineman Mike King was presented ty control the Kirt Straughter Memori al Trident Award for top ping the team in the Triden Tests, a preseason series 0 strength, speed, agility and conditioning exams.

Head coach Scott Stoke facility or received his awards for will ning the Southland Confer ence and All-Louisiani Team coach of the year hor

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# **Victory!**

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# Local makes it big

Juliet Snowden, daughter of NSU philosophy professor Fraser Snowden, co-wrote the horror flick Boogeyman with husband.

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# Sick of sniffling?

Kick the cold or forget the flu with the advice of NSU nurses.

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# URRENT SAUCE

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### Sauce on the Side

#### player ULS to vote on tuition hike

nney Lead Students enrolled in the University of Louisiana Sysand also tem will soon find out whether they can expect an as the increase in tuition.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour said NSU is not planning to raise tuition, but the ULS Board ohnese will vote this month to decide whether to raise tuition for all ULS schools.

"There is no plan for local tuition increase," Seymour won the said. "The ULS Board will be meeting next week and er Latin one of the items on their agenda is an increase in tuition for the entire ULS system."

The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25 in Baton Rouge est demon and will be open to the public.

**Andrew Shirley** 

#### nd signifi NSU career fair next week

The spring and summer career fair will offer NSU students career opportunities on Feb. 22.

The Counseling and Career Services office will host f the Chris the event, which will take place in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Businesses throughout Louisiana will be in attendance.

exemplifie "The career fair is designed to allow NSU students a racteristic chance to network with employers and explore career ne Latin Opportunities available to them," Career Counselor Traci The new LaBorn said.

te to Wad The career fair is geared for seniors and juniors but it redshir is open to all students. Counseling and Career Services we linemal welcomes all students to the fair to observe and neteans-Holy work with the companies.

Kindra Watson

#### Waddell Physical Plant plans to relocate

presented The Physical Plant will relocate this summer to a new Josh Stors facility on South Jefferson.

he Demon Physical Plant Director Chris d for post Sampite said plans for the top grade facility have been in the works cumulative for a little more than a year, administra but the job has not yet gone p snappe out for bid. Construction of the elland, a facility will take about six at his months.



The new facility will house istian Ath 75 employees, administrative offices for the physical plant and plant services division, a central receiving ve linemal warehouse for the university, trade shops and a properpresented ty control office.

Sampite said the new 1 1-2 story building will be more efficient than the old one. The ceiling area will allow storage of materials. Break rooms, bathrooms and meeting rooms for the physical plant and plant agility and services will be combined because both use the same areas, and the offices will be smaller. It also moves the cott Stoke facility out of the flow of student traffic.

**Elizabeth Bolt** 

#### SAI to host charity pageant

Sigma Alpha Iota sorority will present the "Ladies of the Night" drag pageant February 17 at 9:00 p.m. in offensive Lewisville

The event is a fundraiser for Making Music Possible, a program SAI sponsors to donate time and money to a ngle-seaso selected local school's music program. while early

11-SLC hor Tickets will be \$5 at the door, or \$3 with a donation traight set to MMP.

> Rachel Hagar, the event's coordinator, said about 20 men will dress as women to participate in the pageant. The top ten will compete in a talent portion, and the top five will do evening gown and interview portions.

Kappa Kappa Psi will provide the music.

Miss Lady of the Night will win \$50 and a rose. The arst and second runners up will also receive roses with their places on them.

There will be three faculty members serving as ludges, and the fourth judge will be chosen from a rafhis three The. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 to go in the drawn by setting ing. The person with the ticket number drawn will serve eer scoring as the fourth judge.

Elizabeth Bolt

# LaCaze claims LOB title

By Savanna Mahaffey Sauce Reporter

The A.A. Fredericks auditorium was packed Saturday night for the 47th Annual Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet pageant.

Miss Louisiana 2004 and runner-up in the Miss America pageant Jennifer Dupont, who is the official hostess for the state of Louisiana, was the mistress of ceremonies.

The crowd cheered as Courtney LaCaze, a 20-year old broadcast journalism major, was crowned the 2005 Miss Northwestern LOB.

"I was so surprised when I won. I'm still in shock," LaCaze said. "It was an answered prayer."

LaCaze also won both the swimsuit and evening gown competitions. Her swimsuit was a black bikini with a rhinestone-accented top. She wore a bubble gum pink gown trimmed with silver for the evening gown competition and promoted her plat-Project LEAD (Louisiana Education on Alcohol and Drugs).

She performed Olivia Newton John's song "Hopelessly Devoted to You," in the talent competition.

LaCaze said she prepared for the pageant for three



Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE Courtney LaCaze is crowned Lady of the Bracelet and congratulated with a trophy and flowers by Jessica Lee and NSU President Randall Webb.

months by exercising, eating healthy and practicing her talent with a voice coach. LaCaze has been in many

Teen Louisiana Princess.

"One of the reasons I came to NSU was to participate in the LOB pageant," LaCaze pageants and is a former Miss said. "I want to go above and

beyond the call of duty and represent my University to the best of my ability.

"I'm so honored to be working with President Webb

this year," LaCaze said. "I have so much adoration for him and his wife."

Along with the LOB title, ■ See LOB, page 2

# Campus police take aim at noise pollution

New policy targets Criminal Code, a noise violation is loud or excessive police music," Prescott said. loud car stereos

By Cheryl Thompson Sauce Reporter

University police are now issuing tickets for noise violations from car audio systems

The fine for a noise violation ticket will be \$25. Police will cite anyone with audio systems considered disruptive to classes, faculty or other

According to the Louisiana

which exceeds 85 decibels and that can be heard from more than 25 feet away. The noise must come from a motor vehicle in a public area, such as a street. Horns and alarm systems are not included in the code.

NSU Detective Doug Prescott said loud music is a major disruption on campus.

"We receive numerous complaints from the University community complaining

about the extremely loud

Some students agree that loud music on campus is disturbing. Jennifer Kaup, an RA for Sabine Hall, said when she lived on the north side of Sabine last semester she could hear the music from the parking lot in front of the building. She said the music was an annoyance, especially late at

However, other students are opposed to the new citation policy. Sophomore Jamarcus Johnson said the tickets are a violation of stu-

dents' rights. "It's how we express our-

selves," Johnson said. Sophomore D. Davis said that if students can be ticket-

ed for their car audio systems, then cars with loud engines and exhaust pipes should also be ticketed. He said students should be able to play music however they choose.

According to the Louisiana Criminal Code, a noise citation from the state can cost \$100 for a first offense and between \$200 and \$500 for following offenses.

"The NSU citation for this violation is a fraction of the cost of either a municipal or state citation," Prescott said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour said the money received from the tickets will go to a fund to improve campus parking lots, sidewalks and streets.

The Campus Parking and Traffic Committee, Student Life Council, Vice President for Student Affairs, SGA President and the University President have approved the new citation, Seymour said.

# Natchitoches Event Center to open in December

By Lora Sheppard of the Natchitoches Main Managing Editor

After facing down numerous construction delays, the Natchitoches Event Center is set to open in December.

The center, which is located on Second Street down the road from Natchitoches City Hall, is designed to host a maximum of 1,500 people within its 39,000 square feet. It will have a large exhibition hall, administrative offices, meeting rooms and a fullsize kitchen for catering pur-

The project was delayed earlier this semester when the neighboring Bank of Montgomery filed a temporary injunction to stop the building's construction. going on for 10 to15 years, Courtney Hornsby, manager

Street Office, said the injunction was filed on the grounds that the construction was harming the bank's business. The matter was settled behind closed doors and construction commenced. After the injunction was

settled, a suit was filed against the city. The Bank of Montgomery has no comment at this time on either the injunction or the suit.

Hornsby said plans for the center's development were made because there is not an adequate meeting place in Natchitoches. The most notable places used in the past were hotel conference rooms and NSU.

"It's a project that's been See Center, page 2



The Natchitoches Event Center is being built on what was once the site of a historical landmark. The cen-

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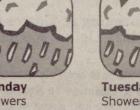


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LaCaze won more than \$5000 in scholarship money and prizes, the official LOB charm bracelet, a crown, and a spot in the Miss Louisiana pageant this summer. LaCaze said it is her dream to be Miss Louisiana.

LaCaze competed against nine other contestants: Quezaire, Aimee Hoffman, Lacey Willet, Heather McCarthy, Victoria Smith, Lindsay Visicaro, Devin Allen, Andrea Pang and Crystal Whitman.

Allen, a 20-year-old general studies major from Benton, took the first runner-up position. She won the talent competition with a vocal performance of Martina McBride's song "Broken Wing."

Allen also won the Liz Carroll's People's Choice Award, which the audience voted on.

"I was very surprised when I found out I won the talent competition and the People's Choice Award," Allen said. "I was so proud and honored that I was cho-

Allen said that although the LOB pageant was a lot of fun, she will probably not make another attempt for the title.

"I've done a lot of pageants, and it gets old after a while," Allen said. "I feel like I did the best I could have done. I won a scholarship, and I am very happy with the results. I feel like I am going out for one of their numbers.

Whitman, a 23-year-old public relations major from Shreveport who promoted D.O.V.E.S. (Domestic Education and Support), was the second runner up.

In her interview, she said, "Love is not abuse, and silence kills.

19-year-old Smith, a biological sciences major from Arlington, Texas, who promoted cardiovascular education, was named the third runner-up.

Members of the crowd stood and cheered as Smith completed her cello piece during the talent portion of the pageant.

20-year-old Pang was the fourth runner-up. Pang, a native of Baton Rouge, promoted the awareness and prevention of heart disease.

The contestants chose Visicaro, a 21-year old theater major from Shreveport, as Miss Congeniality. Her platform was against animal

The first runner-up received a full paid one-semester scholarship and a trophy. Second, third and fourth runners-up received cash scholarships as well as trophies.

The night featured performances by the NSU Men's Choir under the direction of Michael Rorex, the Demon Dazzlers and the LOB Dancers. The NSU Jazz Orchestra provided music for the night, and Sherman Desselle provided vocals



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce The NSU Jazz Orchestra performs "Everyday I Have the Blues" at the Lady of the

performed a ballet routine and gave her farewell walk.

Bracelet pageant Saturday.

A panel of five judges chose the queen and runners up based on intelligence and talent as well as physical fitness and beauty. The panel consisted of: Lynn B. Duncan, a 33-year patron of the Miss America system and the Louisiana

Miss LOB 2004 Alicia Schulz traveling companion to Miss America; Johnna Van, a 15-year pageant master of ceremonies and judge; Steve Giles, who has judged preliminaries for the Miss Louisiana America System since 1977; Cynthia Riser, an NSU graduate and 20-year patron of the Miss Louisiana pageant; and District 10 Judge Dee Hawthorne.

# NSU plans to offer heritage resources master's program

Managing Editor

NSU is planning to begin a new master's program in heritage

resources this fall. The program is pending final approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Heritage resources are the physical remains and oral traditions of past human activities. They include archaeological sites, historic structures, archival records, oral traditions and landscapes modified by humans.

According to the NSU News Bureau, the program will draw on faculty from the fields of ethnology, archeology, cultural geography, history and historic preservation.

Heritage Resources coordinator ElizaBeth Guin said, "I think this is going to be one of the programs to bring recognition to NSU. This program will become a national model."

The two-year program will focus on four main interests in core classes: archaeology and anthropology, history, cultural landscapes and

By Lora Sheppard built environments. Its main goal will be to allow students to work on actual historical sites. Partic pants will learn practical aspect with internships and hands-on experience in addition to taking classes in fields such as manage ment and budgeting.

NSU will partner with federal local, state and private agencies Natchitoches to create internshir opportunities for students in his torical organizations such as the Cane River National Heritage Area, The National Center for Preservation Technology Training and the NSU Creole Her. itage Center.

"In Natchitoches, all these ent. ties work together and it's a unique experience," Guin said.

Graduate assistantships will also be available to students who enrol in the program, which offers at out-of-state tuition waiver.

For more information on NSU's Heritage Resources master's program, contact Guin at (318) 357. 6195 or go to nsula.edu/Her. itageResources.

#### COMMUNITY • CHURCH CLUB . CAMPUS ONNECTIONS

#### Music at The Foundation

There will be live music tonight at the Foundation (on College Avenue next to Magee's). Skyline Blue and Weston Brown will be performing at 7:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted, and proceeds will go to support the Foundation's summer mission trip to build homes in El Salvador.

Lunch is served every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foundation. There is a \$1 suggested donation.

Wednesday night worship takes place every week at 6:30

#### Circle K Medieval Ball

Circle K is holding its Fourth Annual Medieval Ball this Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event will be held at the NSU Recreation Center. The ball's theme is medieval England circa 1450. Participants are encouraged to wear period clothing. Those who dress up are eligible to win a prize. There will be a fortuneteller and a live DJ. Admission is open and costs \$10. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

#### Self-Defense Class

The SGA is sponsoring a one-night basic self-defense class Monday in the Student Union from 6:00 to 8 p.m. The class is open to all students. Please wear comfortable clothes. If you have any questions, visit the SGA office in Room 222 of the Student Union or call 357-4501 and ask for Natasha Bennett.

#### Social Work Class Project

The Generalist Social Work Practice III class is sponsoring a personal hygiene drive for Natchitoches Junior High School students. The purpose of the project is to provide the students with the items necessary to maintain personal hygiene and educate them on the importance of proper personal hygiene. The class asks that each student organization donate sample/travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Please bring items to Kyser Room 118 on March 7 by 3 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Alexis Slaughter at (318) 792-9574 or e-mail her at lexo20002002@yahoo.com.

the Current Sauce welcomes submissions for Connections, a free service to organizations planning events that will be open to NSU students. Bring Connections to Kyser 225, or e-mail them to currentsauce@nsula.edu.

#### **NSU Police Blotter**

Feb. 10

6:22 a.m.

Two vehicles were discovered with their hubcaps removed. The hubcaps were lying on the ground around the vehicle.

Feb. 11

8:01 p.m.

Officers patrolled to keep watch on a small fire at the Feb. 12

1:27 p.m.

A resident of Bossier requested an officer because someone had vandalized his car with paintballs the previous night.

Feb. 13

11:11 a.m.

A four door Cutlass was the target of a hit and run. The light blue car that hit the Cutlass was last seen heading

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Avenue. The Cutlass suffered damage to its front side.

Feb. 14

7:20 a.m.

Red River Sanitors reported a smoking janitor's closet in the fine arts building.

7:44 p.m.

An ambulance was requested at Rapides for a resident suffering from severe chest

By Elizabeth Bolt

#### before Mayor McCullen was in office and is desperately needed,"

Hornsby said.

City representatives are hoping the center will bring more tourists and help boost the economy. More tourism would bring in more sales tax dollars, which would help build new roads and sidewalks, and bring more concerts and other entertainment to Natchitoches. There are also plans to build a new hotel across the street from the center, and Hornsby said that the new plans should also create more job opportunities.

The grand opening of the center is planned for Dec. 31 as a ticketed event, but the date is not yet offi-

"It's definitely a progress in motion," Hornsby said. "We're doing our best to see that it's the best for Natchitoches."



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# SGA derails monorail plan

By Kyle Carter ond Street. Sauce Reporter

At Monday's SGA meeting, the Senate struck down a bill proposing a campus monorail system and decided to endorse new College Avenue crosswalks.

The Senate voted down a bill that proposed to charge students \$75 to set up a monorail system on and off campus. The bill called for the monorail system to have stops near every building on campus as well as have stops that extended into the areas off campus for students.

Sen. Shantel Wempren said the monorail system was a way to solve the parking problem on cam-

"When we come in here, we always complain about parking," Wempren said. "With a monorail system, you can park your car in one spot and go from building to building without moving it."

Sen. Fred Kuechenmeister said the idea was preposterous, calling it a far-fetched dream. He said it would be a better idea to build a parking garage or to expand existing parking, but he felt the best idea would be to restrict parking for certain students.

"Parking on campus is not a right; it is a privilege," Kuechenmeister said. "There are already rules for people of a certain age to live on campus, and if you live on campus you should walk."

The Senate also discussed a bill that aimed to encourage the University to aggressively pursue crosswalks on College Avenue. Sen. Matthew Bartley said the bill did not set aside student money for the crosswalks; instead, the bill was intended to encourage the University to take action.

Bartley said, "The mayor of Natchitoches wanted us to vote on it to put more ammunition for the

need to have them." The bill, which passed, called for crosswalks at the stop lights connecting College Avenue to Sam Sibley Drive, Caspari Street and Sec-

Since the bill does not say the university must provide the cross walks, the SGA will have to await the city's approval. This could take a year or more, Bartley said.

Sen. Natasha Bennett talked about plans for next week's leisure study seminar. Bennett said trained self-defense instructor will offer lessons in throwing tech niques and kickboxing as part of the seminar. The class will take place Monday in the

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Alley from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The

class is open to all students. "Wear gym clothes and be read to have fun," Bennett said.

SGA President McConnell discussed this seme ter's SGA elections. The election are scheduled for April 6 and with runoffs the following week April 14 and 15, McConnell sal In the meantime, the SGA is look ing for three non-student gover ment volunteers to join the SGA election committee.

Students who volunteer for to election committee will help cou votes and serve on hearing board that handle conflicts during ele tions. The last day to sign up to a part of the election committee Feb. 28. Students interested in jol ing the election committee should go to the SGA offices in the Studen

All students actively seeking an internship or full-time employment, upon graduation in Spring or Summer 2005, will need need to bring a resume and dress in appropriate interview attire. For a list of companies that will be attending please contact Career Services after February 15th, 2005.

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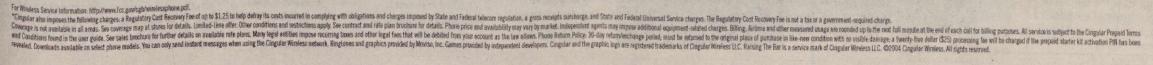
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# Three Easy Pieces



By J. Aaron 'Q" Brown

The Pentagon is planning a TV channel. I'm not making this up. Pentagon TV will be in the living rooms of DishNetwork's 11 million American subscribers, 24/7, as a "public service" intended to inform and entertain. It will include information on strategic operations and pieces on the everyday lives of military personnel (reminiscent of Stalinism and Jude Law's character in "Enemy at the Gates.") This is scarier than just the establishment of an official American propaganda mouthpiece. This is indicative of an expectation of prolonged, violent conflict, about how the American viewpoint must be tightly controlled. The Pentagon calls this "restricting and directing the flow of information." I call it the beginning of the end of

Don't get me wrong, the Pentagon channel may fizzle and die very quickly, less watched than even C-Span2 or the NASA channel (both of which DishNetwork cheerily pumps into my family's living room back home, also as a public service.) The precedent of the channel's creation alone, however, is truly terrifying. America now has an official government news source. It is emphatically NOT the job of the Pentagon to make the American populace aware of its activity; it IS the emphatic duty of the Pentagon to keep track of its activities and make its records available to the public (as national security permits, of course, though such claims can be highly suspect.) Countries like Libya and Iran and North Korea have official news outlets, government papers, and military TV channels, NOT AMERICA! Government organizations shouldn't be concerned with their public image to begin with. They are organs of society, not brand names with a stock price to worry about. As is this university. The state

legislature has wisely determined that a higher quality Louisiana college grad makes a Louisiana college diploma more valuable, and as such they have required Louisiana public universities to raise the bar a little in terms of admissions. NSU has deftly dodged this fiscal bullet by exploiting a loophole: community colleges aren't affected by the change. NSU has therefore brought the Bossier Parish Community College to Natchitoches, under the auspices of which an

incoming student can duck the academic requirements and then, after a single semester of satisfactory coursework, transfer to NSU, thus ensuring that we don't lose any delicious tuition money.

In spite of this betrayal of the public good to fiscal concern, the University has further frozen all news hires for fear that enrollment will drop. This means applicants for several positions that will certainly be filled (including the position Fraser Snowden, NSU's senior professor of philosophy, will shortly be vacating) will not be notified of the University's intent to hire for weeks to come. Meanwhile, ideal candidates are likely to take a more definite offer delivered sooner. Where is the logic in a blanket hiring freeze when some positions absolutely must be filled and excellent candidates have already been identified? Perhaps instead of funding a loophole fix, the administration should concentrate on making itself an institution that will attract students who meet the new requirements - which includes STAFFING THE UNIVERSITY!

Which brings me to my final and most incidental rant: I saw a religious license plate on the front of a University maintenance vehicle last week. You can look for it yourself; it's a small beige truck, toolboxes and racks on the sides, with a state license plate on the back that says "public" above the number 154898. I object to the religious reference, even if the maintenance worker who drives that truck paid for the plate himself, even if he puts it on every the morning and takes it home with him at night. It's not as though it's a simple cross pin on his lapel or an Ichthyus (more commonly known as the "Jesus fish") on his personal vehicle; that truck was purchased with public funds, serves the public interest, and has the seal of a public university on its doors. This is clearly a violation of the separation of church and state, not that I expect a state that still gets away with mandatory student prayer at mandatory pep rallies for all-but-mandatory high school football games to fix the problem.

Fridays, 91.7 FM from 8:00-10:00 AM to hear me rant. Visit i-55.com/~q for some tasty reading and contact me at Sauce-Filler@gmail.com to shoot your mouth off. WARNING: I shoot

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# The Middle Path Churchill essay incites hostility



By Justin Shatwell

The most important thing I've learned from writing columns is that any time you step onto the public stage to express your ideas, you have to choose whether you wish to start a discussion or an argument.

Starting arguments seems counterproductive to me. In such columns you allow your logic to be overshadowed by insults and hyperbole. Such pieces really only serve to excite people's prejudices, rallying like-minded individuals to your side while rallying your opposition against you.

They widen the divides in our society and introduce passion and hate into matters that could best be resolved with reason and logic. Furthermore, any logical points or worthwhile questions you may have made become completely discredited and ignored.

A perfect example of this is Ward Churchill, the ethics professor from the University of Colorado who has recently become famous over comments he made in an essay comparing the actions of those killed at the World Trade Center to those of Nazis.

Beyond being purposely inflam- of those people? It's a great quesmatory, he makes claims his evidence can't back up, and the essay deteriorates into little more than a rant by the end.

However, despite its flaws, Churchill raises some interesting points. The most interesting is the one for which he is getting the most attention, though not in the way he wished.

Churchill refers to the World Trade Center victims as "little Eichmanns." Eichmann was not simply Churchill's favorite Nazi; he made this allusion to make a

Eichmann was a Nazi official who was in charge of transporting Jews to the concentration camps Eichmann never personally killed a Jew; he was merely a cog in the machine.

His highly publicized trial raised interesting questions about how much guilt an individual bears for the crimes of an organization they are a part of. If he is guilty, is every cog guilty? Are they all guilty to the same extent? Is it knowledge of the end result that qualifies guilt, or the level at which a person is involved?

These are difficult questions that Churchill was trying to apply to people in the World Trade Center who worked for corporations that carried out repressive policies in the Third World.

think much of Churchill's article. labor responsible for the suffering chance to defend his actions tion and one that I would love to debate, but that is not the point of this column, nor is it the question raised by the major news outlets when they talk about Churchill's writings.

> " If [Eichmann] is guilty, is every cog guilty? Are they all guilty to the same extent? Is it knowledge of the end result that qualifies guilt, or the level at which a person is involved?"

Of course people are ignoring the question he raised because it was completely overshadowed by the inflammatory answer he advocated; that yes those people were guilty and that their proper punishment was death at the hands of vigilantes (an especially ill-conceived statement because even

Center to those of Nazis. Is a person who represents a Eichmann, whose guilt was ions of the Let me state up front that I don't firm that employs child sweatshop barely in question, received a University.

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By exploiting a national traged and raising this question in pur posely confrontational language Churchill completely undermined his argument and ensured that no meaningful debate would arise

from his writings.
Instead Churchill has just incited passions and invited others to be Marketing as irrational as he is. Since the you prefer story broke, people upset with his over. Those statements have written numerous late-filled h columns and letters claiming all lying aband sorts of ridiculous things.

I've seen arguments calling for them compa him to be tried for treason, or empty wran pointing to his essay as proof that little teddy there is a radical liberal plot to take prefer) is m over the public school system.

Granted, these arguments are thoughtful more sensitive than Churchill's table. but do they really make any more In fact, de

It is important for people to having to co have passionate beliefs, but if we perfect Vale forsake logic and allow these past that romant sions to control us, especially town that d when we are making public state include Son ments, we will never create a small feat in meaningful dialogue between our Natchitoche country's fragmented populations if you

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#### just a really On not believing everything you read



By Jason

A survey conducted by Men's Health magazine concluded that the town of Fort Wayne, Ind. is the dumbest town in the country.

The citizens of this burg responded in an article featured in the January 2, 2005, issue of USA TODAY. And quite frankly, very few seemed to be very happy with their new label.

The determining criteria for the survey included bachelor's degrees per capita, ACT scores, number of universities, the number of patents per capita, and the number of Nobel Prize winners within the city limits.

However, the good citizens of Fort Wayne noted that their town was spending millions on the

construction of a new library Republican voters is full of idiots. planned to contain more than three times the number of vol- approach any findings about umes than the national average social facts critically to distin- opportunities afforded and the for a city of its size.

A local columnist stated his belief that the findings were evidence of yet another plot among liberals to convey conservatives as stupid. However, of the five smartest

cities only Denver was in a state that supported Kerry in the last presidential election. The only pro-Kerry city that made five dumbest was Newark. Is this purely coincidental? One only needs to scan some of

the features on this opinion page to encounter the stereotype that leftists often look down on the intelligence of those with more traditional worldviews.

One could easily make the assertion that since towns in Bush supporting states did not fare very favorably in the Men's Health survey, it is obvious that any place with a majority of

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" It is necessary to approach any findings about social facts critically to distinguish correlations from causality."

Note that all of the criterion listed are related to educational attainment, test score performances, or scientific accomplish-

Whether a group is able to ful fill these requirements dependent on the number economic benefits available in look at all the region.

eep in mind that America high school students score much lower than their counterparts other industrialized nations math and science scores, and ye the United States is a work leader in technological and bus ness enterprises.

So if you happen to encount any survey data concluding something as fact, be on the look out for any intended bias, lest w forget the embarrassment of Her rnstein and Murray's racis assertions in The Bell Curve.

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#### Letters to the Editor

#### Grandchildren should call grandparents sometimes

When you get old enough to go to college you should not forget your Grandparents. Just a call now and then so we can warn you against going out alone at night. We need to be able to warn you to go to class, study hard, and drive carefully. We love you and want to see you grow up to be good citizens. If you do not call so we can warn you I will write to the Editor so you can read my

> Thank you, Jeannie Lambright Graduated from NSU 1980

Response to a Response on Capital Punishment

I am deeply distressed by Ms. McConnell's response to Mr. DeBrun's article. I don not think that any type, or stricter form of capital punishment is going to stop deeply disturbed individuals like Ted Bundy and to suggest other wise is ridiculous. I also think that this negativity to people who have committed a crime, such as calling them "beast", is what makes it harder for individuals who have served their time and have been released from prison to get on with their lives. Compassion and understanding is what we need and not a blind hatred for those that done the

most human of acts which is to make a mistake. People do have the ability to change, and some later on in life realize after spending several years in prison that what they did when they were young was wrong. Ms. McConnell implies in her response that people who have committed a crime or subhuman and if she had it her way she would have anybody who has stolen a stick of gum shot on site. Harsher punishments for those that have committed a crime is not the answer and we as a nation should start to see why some steal, rape, and murder rather then lock them up and throw away the key, or murder them. It is said that if we follow the old law of an eye for an eye then we

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all go blind and I cannot agree more. Once someone in your family, or close friend has been killed there is no way of bringing them back and killing those that had a hand in the murder of that person does not in anyway make it better or make the family of the victim feel better. I really think that Ms. McConnell should take? second look on the issue and not turn a blind eye and call those that have made a mistake "beast because if they are beast then we are all beast.

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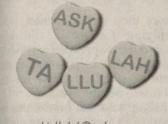
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uld arise By the time you read this, ust incited Valentine's Day, or Hallmark ners to be Marketing Day (or whatever Since the you prefer to call it) will be long t with his over. Those all-important choconumerous late-filled hearts are probably iming all lying abandoned on your bedroom floor with nothing to keep calling for them company but their own reason, or empty wrappers. And that cute proof that little teddy (whichever kind you lot to take prefer) is most likely tucked firmly away in your closet - a ments are thoughtful present, but forget-

hurchill's table any more In fact, dear reader, you are probably quite exhausted from people to having to come up with that but if we perfect Valentine's Day gift or these past that romantic evening out on the especially town that did not, for once, ablic state include Sonic or Blockbuster (no create a small feat in a town the size of tween our Natchitoches). So, congratulapopulations if you actually achieved a romantic and memorable

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Valentine's Day is a nice holiday, in theory, but it gives the wrong message, and becomes just a really stupid holiday. First of all, this holiday is for couples, either romantic or friendly. What if you lack both? What good is a holiday, a supposed festive occaable to ful sion, that leaves certain people out simply because they are number either hooked up or not? Then ed and the this holiday forces people to railable in look at all the times they have neglected and ignored the ones they love (this is actually a good score muc part). However, it then allows nterparts these clueless lovers to make up nations for all of their mistakes in a one res, and ye day orgy of chocolate, stuffed is a wor animals, jewelry and romance al and bus (this is the bad part – except for the gifts – gifts are always o encounte good). Anyway, this is the point concluding at which most people err. They on the look give gifts and shower affection bias, lest W on their loved ones and friends ment of He for one day and do not do it ay's racis again until next year rolls

Curve. around and it is Feb. 14, again. Your loved ones and friends Louisian should know every day that you tudent. H love them. There should never necessari be any question, and if there is, of the Sam then you are doing something very wrong. I'm not saying that it has to be Valentine's Day everyday - no one has that much time or money. But you can do little things to show that you care, and not just on one day of the year. So take a little bit of time out of your day treat your significant other to dinner, hold the door, leave a of bringing note during the day, pick a those that flower off the ground every now and then. Spontaneous hugs and way make classes are not out of the question amily of the either. Any of these little things will make your loved one feel nould take

special and wanted. ue and not All of these gestures add up to make a big difference in relationships - not just romantic ast then we relationships, but friendships as well. Friends could always use a note, hug, or call, as well. This way, you will not have to cram ology Majo everything, all that love, into one day. So remember, make it alright to show your love and affection for each other through little gestures 365 days of the year and not just on Hallmark Marketing Day. They still may want that jewelry or romantic dinner next Valentine's Day, but NSU and do no If you mess up, at least you can name all those other times you were being your sweet, charmot the opinion ing self. And, in the end, who staff or advise doesn't like to have a nice (quiet and uncomplaining) satisfied the editor mus

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Sauce Reporter

Temperatures in Louisiana may be rising but students should not let their awareness of the cold and flu decrease.

Stephanie Campbell, director of health services, said that this year the flu virus has been very

"Last year was a really bad flu season," Campbell said. "Students started coming in the fall before we had a chance to have an immunization clinic."

There have been a few local cases of the flu but not as many as expected. Earlier this fall, Maxim Health, a health group that goes around the country giving immunizations came on campus to offer flu and meningitis vaccinations, said Campbell.

"Maxim Health came, and on the second day of the clinic a restriction was put on the flu vaccine, by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention," said Campbell " They left before everyone could get their vaccina-

The restriction only allowed for the elderly and those with chronic illnesses to receive the vaccination, said Campbell. The restriction has been lifted, and anyone who wants a flu vaccination can receive one.

In order to decipher between the common cold and the flu stusymptoms, said Lisa Thomas, a eral medications that seemed to nations will be offered to faculty.

services on campus.

According to Thomas, the flu involves a fever, dry coughs, chills, headache, and joint pains, while the common cold does not.

If a person who has flu symptoms sees a doctor between 24 and 48 hours, medication can be given to shorten the duration of the virus as well as weaken the symptoms, Thomas said.

"If a person waits longer than 48 hours there is really nothing that can be done unless symptoms worsen. Seeing a doctor at this point will help to decrease chances of a secondary infection.

Campbell said, "No matter what symptoms a students have, they should seek professional help if their symptoms interfere with their daily life."

College students, especially freshman, are more likely to catch the flu, Thomas said. New environments and new experiences increase the risks of exposure to the flu. People who are sedentary and smoke are also at a higher risk.

Frances Beacham, a freshman general studies major went to the infirmary on Friday because she had flu-like symptoms.

"I had a fever, congestion, body aches, chills, and I was throwing up," Beacham said." "The nurse was very nice and motherly and told me that I should see my doctor if my fever dents can look at all of their did not break. They gave me sev-

There are many things that students can do to prevent catching the common cold and the flu, Campbell said. The number one thing a person can do is to wash his or her hands, especially before eating.

"We touch so many things like doorknobs and handrails and we do not even realize all of the germs that we come in contact with," Campbell said.

We can also cover our mouths with tissues instead of our hands when we sneeze or cough, Campbell said. Zinc lozenges are a good preventative measure to take, as well as changing toothbrushes so a person does not reinfect himself.

According to a pamphlet published by ETR Associates, which is available at student health services, flu season begins in October and subsides at the end of February. The Education, Training, and Research pamphlet informs readers that the best time to receive a flu shot is in the fall so people will be immune by flu season in winter.

NSU's health services, along with Maxim Health, will offer a vaccination clinic on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union lobby.

Flu shots will cost \$20, and meningitis vaccinations will cost \$90. For the first time the vacci-



#### **Good Skin** is Always 'In'

Winter is probably the worst season for any type of skin. The dry air sucks out all the moisture in your skin and it can begin to look "ashy." It is important to take care of skin now at an early age; otherwise, when you are 40 you might resemble an old leather saddle-

#### Step One: Exfoliation

Exfoliating is a vital part of caring for the largest bodily organ. It has more benefits than you might be aware of. Other than leaving your skin feeling softer and smoother, the motion of exfoliating actually increases your body's circulation and helps unclog pores. A part of your skin that is important not forget about are your lips. Your "smackers" can benefit from exfoliating as much as the rest of the body. Try using use a soft baby's toothbrush to get all that dead skin off your lips and be sure to use lip moisturizer afterwards. Probably the best places to start exfoliating everyday are your elbows and knees. These places are often ignored and they can often become rough and dry. Try using a sugar or salt scrub on these areas. Not only will the salt (or sugar) smooth away the dead skin and unwanted bumps, it will leave your skin glowing.

#### **Step Two: Facial Cleanser**

It is important to know your skin type when choosing a cleanser because you would not want to purchase a cleanser for oily skin when you have dry skin—it could do more harm than good. Be sure to read the labels and find out what you are buying first! I also recommend using a cleanser that is organic. Many times a cleanser will contain chemicals in it to kill skin cells, so choosing an organic is healthier. After you find a cleanser suited for you, learn how to use it properly. Many people think that just by putting an entire gob of the cleanser on your face and rubbing it around a little will work-wrong! The proper way is simple to learn: first splash your face with lukewarm water. The warmth of the water will open your pores and will prepare your skin for a super-charged cleansing. Next is to only use about a dime-size amount of cleanser and to lather it in your palms before rubbing it around on your face. After lathering, leave the cleanser on for about a minute, so that it does its job properly. Then rinse with warm water first and then cool water. The warm water will keep the pores open until you have cleaned out all of the soap and the cool water will close your pore back up again so that dirt does not immediately get back inside. Be sure to make cleansing your face a twice, daily routine.

#### **Step Three: Moisturizing**

Finding the perfect moisturizer can be tricky. Just like a cleanser, the moisturizer has to be suited for your skin type. Please note that it is NEVER safe to use an oil-based moisturizer. Oil-based moisturizers may seem like they get the job done, but in reality they are only weighing it down and letting gravity get an earlier start on those wrinkles and fine-lines. Proper use of a moisturizer is just as important as following a recipe—follow the directions on the bottle. The trick to putting on moisturizer is to put your moisturizer on when right out of the shower while your pores are still open. This will allow the cream to be completely absorbed by your skin and therefore leaving it radiant and healthy.

# Turning up the heat

# Indoor tanning more hazardous than expected

(KRT)

"Just look at all these freckles and brown spots. Look at these wrinkles. Do you want your skin to look like mine?" I asked my 18year-old daughter, a freshman at the University of Texas at Austin, who thinks that somehow youth protects you against the hazards of ultraviolet radiation.

She rolled her eyes. It was the week after Christmas, and she had just informed me that she "reactivated" her membership in a nearby tanning salon because she couldn't wait until she got back to Austin to work on the tan she was sure to need for spring

"There's no such thing as a healthy tan," I insisted. "You are beautiful just the way you are."

She rolled her eyes again. "That's because I have a tan, a beautiful, golden tan, right now,"

she insisted. "It just makes me feel good," she

added, with a confident smile. Aha! Wake Forest University researchers are right: You can get

addicted to tanning. In a study, reported in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology last summer, researchers found that people felt significantly more relaxed and less tense after lying in a real tanning bed compared with lying in a

placebo bed with no UV light. They speculated that tanning might stimulate secretion of mood-boosting endorphins for a "drug-like reinforcing effect."

In other words, they found that tanning beds can be habit-form-

And that's not a good thing. Consumer Reports investigated 296 tanning salons in 12 states for a study, published in the January up on sunscreen.

By Carolyn Poirot issue, under the headline, "The Knight Ridder Newspapers Unexpected Dangers of Indoor Tanning.

Researchers found that many tanning salons not only deny or downplay the possible risks of their service but also endorse unsafe practices, says Ron Buchheim, who edited the report.

Seventy-five percent of the surveyed employees said you could tan every day or come in as often as you wanted, even when researchers identified themselves as beginners; and nearly 35 percent denied that indoor tanning can cause cancer and/or premature wrinkles, brown spots and other signs of aging skin. About 6 percent even permit the dangerous practice of tanning without protective eye shields.

More than 20 percent said minors, who may face the greatest long-term risks, could tan without parental consent, Buchheim said.

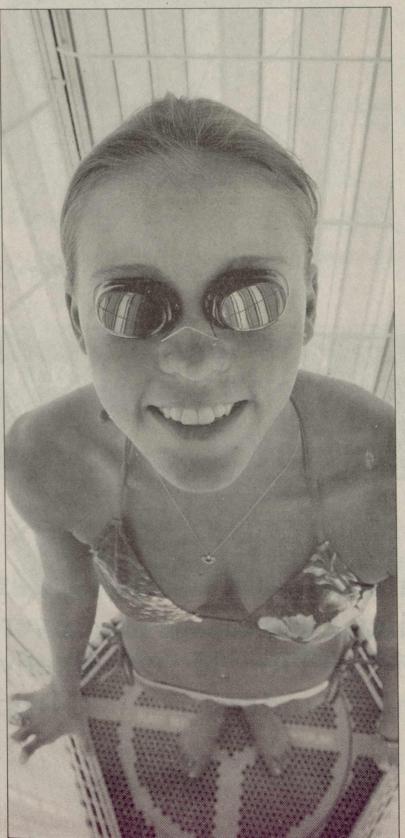
Nearly 30 million Americans, including a growing number of teen-age girls, are expected to visit tanning salons in 2005.

Young people are at special risk because the health hazards of tanning are cumulative, and abnormal cells have a longer time to eventually blossom into dangerous tumors within their life span, Buchheim said.

Cancer might not have time to materialize if you set the same factors into motion at 60," he said. "That certainly also applies to skin aging. UV radiation can be better controlled inside, but our evidence indicates tanning salons do not control as scrupulously as they could and should.

"It's a potentially dangerous pleasure.'

The best way to prepare for spring break is to try out several sunless tanning creams and stock



**Courtesy KRT Campus** 

# Are you afraid of the 'Boogeyman'?



Stiles White and Juliet Snowden

By Candice Pauley Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches native Juliet Snowden and husband Stiles White realized their dream of being Hollywood writers when the horror film Boogeyman opened Feb. 4, nationwide.

The film, produced by Sam Raimi's Ghost House Pictures, opened to mixed reviews. Critics found the movie cliché and lacking any truly terrifying moments. The movie had a slow build up that led to a cheap scare at the end.

Fans of the horror genre, however, have turned out in droves to see

"My husband and I wrote Boogeyman for high school and college students, and they seem to be enjoying it. That's what matters to us more than what the critics say," Snowden said. "As far as box office gross is concerned, Boogeyman far exceeded my expectations. It was the highest grossing film on Super Bowl week-

Science fiction and horror movie fan Ciel Dafford, a senior history major at the Scholars' College, went to the opening of the film in Natchi-

"It's one of the best horror movies I've seen all year," Dafford said. "It has a really good blend of traditional horror movie with lots of new supernatural twists."

Snowden and White worked closely with Sam Raimi (director of Spiderman, Evil Dead and A Simple Plan) to create the perfect blend of scary and creepy and to keep the movie PG-13.

"Sam is a filmmaker we've looked up to for years, so to be in the same room, discussing ideas, figuring out scares for the movie that's pretty mind blowing," Snow-Snowden and White's success

did not come easily. Snowden estimates that she has written 13,000 free hours to be in the position she "It has been a very long road to

get here - working full-time jobs and writing for free on the side," Snowden said.

The years of hard work paid off with Boogeyman. The film has grossed more than \$33 million.

From a very young age, Snowden was interested in the darker side of things. Fraser Snowden, father of the author and professor of Philosophy at the Louisiana Scholars' College, recalled her earlier writing describing it as dark and moody.

Although her Hollywood success is recent, Snowden has been writing most of her life. From the time she was very young her parents encouraged her to write. They helped her publish poems, short stories and book reviews in several children's journals and digests. Snowden also published poetry in NSU's literary magazine Argus while still in high school.

After graduation Snowden attended Louisiana State University where she received her Bachelor's degree in English. She then moved to Los Angeles and received an Masters in Fine Arts in screenwriting from the University of Southern

Now Snowden and White are full-time screenwriters in Los Angeles where they live with their ninemonth-old son.

# On-campus counselors help D students with jobs, life

Sauce Reporter

From giving career advice and helping students deal with personal problems to offering a friendly face in stressful times, the Counseling and Career Services personnel at NSU have much to offer.

Director of Counseling and Career Services Rebecca Boone said she wants students to be aware of how helpful these servic-

"Students need to know that coming to counseling doesn't mean there's something wrong with them," Boone said.

The counseling service offers a safe place where students can talk about their problems with the assurance that what they say is kept confidential, Boone said.

To use the counseling service, students must first have an intake session. This session helps the counselor gather information about the student to aid in the counseling process. Students who want to request a specific counselor may do so with the under-

The service also offers additional counseling by bringing in a psychiatrist every other Tuesday. This specific service has a co-pay fee of \$10.00. If a student fails to attend a scheduled meeting with the psychiatrist and does not cancel within 24 hours of the appointment, the student will be billed \$75.00, half of the psychiatrist's fee.

In addition to these counseling services, career guidance is also available. This service is a tool to help students who are looking for jobs and advice on the "real

Traci LaBom, who teaches a professional development course, believes everyone should have a plan when they leave college. Her class offers instruction in everything from résumé writing to interview skills. It is a 4000 level course called Student Personnel Services and is open to juniors and

Students can also schedule mock interviews through the office. These interviews help stustanding that an appointment dents prepare for the actual inter-

By Katie Lopez might not be immediately avail- views they will encounter when applying for jobs. Student should dress appropriately, have a by Chr résumé, and behave as if the sauce R were in a real interview for this service to be effective.

LaBom said real on-campus job has rebo interviews are also available losing st These interviews allow companies Lamar, S to come on campus and interview Antonio students for actual jobs. To be eli. against gible for such an interview, stu. and Mcl dents must give permission for Head their information to be released felt that and submit a packet including a during résumé, cover letter, transcript (if streak. required) and any other qualifica. "I felt tions they have.

When students are having prob. McCona lems with writing their résumés intensity they can make an appointment somethin and bring it in for review.

"I felt it to be very helpful in row, but ways of explaining the services his team and how it worked. They were "We n very thorough in correcting my games to résumé," NSU student Sadie to win (S Lopez said.

The center also offers IBM com. McCona puters with laser printers that are Thoug available to students free of win the

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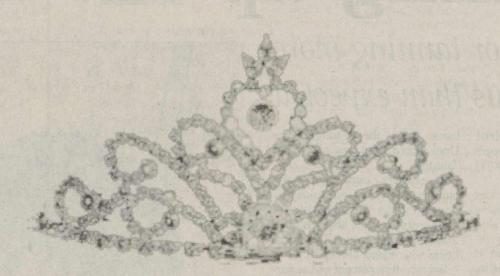
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# elp Demons win three entering final stretch

iately, have By Chris Salim e as if they sauce Reporter

view for this The NSU men's basketball team n-campus joh has rebounded from a three-game o available losing streak in which they lost to w companies Lamar, Sam Houston and UT-San nd interview Antonio to win three in a row bs. To be eli. against UL-Monroe, Nichols State terview, stu. and McNeese State.

rmission for Head coach Mike McConathy be released telt that the team lost its intensity including during the three-game losing transcript (if streak.

ner qualifica. "I felt that we quit doing the little things that got us to where we are," having prob. McConathy said. "Our defensive neir résumés intensity was not there and that is appointment something we pride ourselves on."

The Demons have won three in a y helpful in 10w, but McConathy does not want the services his team to relax.

They were "We needed to win those three prrecting my games to put ourselves in position dent Sadie to win (SLC championship) but we have to take care of business," ers IBM com. McConathy said.

nters that are Though McConathy wants to nts free of win the regular season conference championship, he has his mind on bigger things.

"I fully expect that we will win the league, but ultimately we need to win the league tournament," McConathy said. "That has been he main goal for this team all

The winner of the Southland Conference tournament receives an automatic birth into the NCAA Tournament with a field of 64 teams beginning March 16 at neu-

McConathy said the Demons' post players, such as Alfonse Dyer and Jermaine Spencer have been outstanding the last three games.

"They have been the most productive with the amount of minutes that they play," McConathy "Jermaine's energy and Alfonse's scoring ability give us the park we need."

McConathy said senior guard Tremaine Hancock has been the eam's unofficial leader.



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce/ NSU junior center Byron Allen attempts a jump shot while surrounded by Lamar defenders during the Demons loss to Lamar Feb. 3 in Prather Coliseum.

"Hancock is our leader. His emotion and intensity gives us the senior leadership we need," McConathy said.

Hancock does not consider himself the leader of the team.

"I go as hard as I can and hopefully everyone will follow," Hancock said. "I feel that if they see me going all out it will get everyone else going."

The Demons are in third place at 8-3 in the Southland Conference one game behind Sam Houston State and Southeastern Louisiana. McNeese State before the SLC tour-The Demons hold the tie-breaker nament March 8-13. over Southeastern.

The Demons were back in action Wednesday night defeating Lamar 90-83 on the road.

NSU avenged their loss from earlier in the season, their only home loss of the year, in which Lamar defeated them 89-84.

At halftime, the Demons only led by one point 45-44.

Still on the road, NSU will take on the Nicholls State Colonels Wednesday at 7:30 p.m, then return to Prather to play host to Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston State and

### **Demons' Upcoming Schedule**

-- Men's Basketball -Feb. 23 @ Nicholls State

7:30 p.m.

-- Women's Basketball -Feb. 17 @ Lamar

7 p.m.

-Feb. 23 @ Nicholls State 5:15 p.m.

-- Track and Field

-Feb. 18-19 Southland

Conference Championships Houston

-- Tennis

-Feb. 19 Southern Mississippi

-Feb. 20 Arkansas State

10 p.m.

--Baseball

-Feb. 18 St. John's (ULL tourn.)

2 p.m.

-Feb. 19 Southern (ULL tourn.) 6 p.m.

-Feb. 20 @ Louisiana-Lafayette

-Feb. 22 @ Louisiana Tech 6 p.m.

--Softball

-Feb. 18 Ole Miss @ Texas A&M

-Feb. 18 Utah State @ Texas A&M 12:15 p.m.

-Feb. 19 Utah State @ Texas A&M 10 a.m.

-Feb. 19 Ole Miss @ Texas A&M 12:15 p.m.

-Feb. 20 @ Texas A&M

12 p.m.

-Feb. 23 Centenary College 6 p.m.

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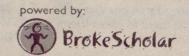
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#### **Prather Punks**

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If you have been attending any of the home basketball games this season, and even some of the road games, you probably have seen that NSU has adopted their own version of the Cameron Crazies.

Our crazy student section has been recently dubbed Prather Punks.

They have been attending all of the home games to heckle the away team, and from some responses I have seen from opposing benches they are doing a pretty good job.

The Punks, along with the NSU Band, have been managing to cause a ruckus throughout every contest

They take any and every opportunity to cheer for their Demons or jeer the other team. They heckle the opposing team as the Public Address Announcer calls out their lineup, during free throw attempts, when a coach gets fired up about a call or when their players foul

In fact, there aren't many times when the Punks aren't rioting.

The Prather Punks are made up of NSU students who sit courtside on the right end of the court which has been deemed the student section, but some even manage to make their way around the court to ensure they are in the best position to get in the heads of opposing teams.

The Demons have always been well supported while they are on the road, but recently I was extremely impressed that some of these pesky students have been making the trips too.

A group of them managed to make the trip to Lake Charles to support their teams as they defeated McNeese.

I have attended every home game this season for both teams and have been very pleased to notice that the Punks seem to be growing in number every game.

With only five games remaining in the season, and only three at home, I hope to see this rowdy bunch continue to get bigger and louder, especially with both teams fighting for a high seed going into their respective SLC tournaments.

I also hope to see these fans continuing their support of Demon athletics after the basketball seasons are done and our baseball and softball teams play out their own home schedules.

Maybe soon the students at every sporting event will have their own

But that will only be possible if they get loud and obnoxious enough to

Our athletic department has been working hard to make our sporting venues as nice as possible, so I anticipate seeing a full Demon Diamond, especially in the outfield club, and packed seats at Brown-Stroud Field.

NSU's athletes appreciate the support from the students of this campus greatly, and it does make a difference when there are a large number of people there to cheer them

# Demons get first win(

"Right now, at this part of the season, you'll take wins any way you can get them," said Demons head coach Mitch Gaspard.

This came shortly after NSU second baseman Brandon Morgan scored on a balk in the bottom of the ninth to give the Demons their first win of the season Tuesday 6-5 at Brown-Stroud Field.

NSU's (1-3) first victory of the season was Division II Louisiana College's first loss, putting them at a 4-1 mark.

The Demons entered the top of the ninth holding on to a 5-2 lead but quickly saw the scoreboard change. LC managed to gather 3 runs on three hits against Demon reliever Daniel Clark in just twothirds of an inning.

NSU was able to exit the inning tied 5-5 after Daniel Desclouds came on to get LC batter Tim Rodriguez to ground out to third, stranding runners at first and third.

Morgan reached first to lead off the bottom of the ninth after being hit by a pitch from Whitlock and then advanced to second on a wild pitch from the Wildcat reliev-

After Morgan was moved to third on a sacrifice fly by designated hitter Bobby Barbier, Louisiana College head coach Mike Byrnes decided to intentionally walk Hunter Thoms.

On the first pitch to center fielder Eric Epperson, Morgan faked towards home plate causing Whitlock to balk, scoring Morgan for the winning run.

pard said. "Normally it doesn't work but today he did

NSU built their lead early in the bottom of the first going up 3-0. Marty Dewees started the outburst with a one out double through the right-center field gap and later scored on a double by Thoms with two outs after Barbier reached on a walk. Epperson then picked up two RBI's driving in both Barbier and Thoms on a double to center field.

Rusty Jones, who was the starter for NSU, went four innings giving up 2 runs while scattering five hits and four strikeouts, but the win was credited to Desclouds.

"I thought Rusty did a nice job for us," Gaspard said. "I still think Rusty could be more dominant at times."

The Wildcats scored their first 2 runs on Jones in the third inning after Matt Byrnes, who reached on a double, was driven in on a double by Gene Taylor. Taylor later scored with two outs on LC's third double of the inning by Brad Smith.

The Demons extended their lead by picking up a run in the bottom of the third to make it 4-2 when Barbier scored on a double by Epperson. Epperson went 2-4 in the game with two doubles and 3 runs batted in.

Later in the fourth NSU left fielder Michael Palermo walked and then scored on a single by Barbier to make it 5-2. Neither team scored again until the ninth.

This is going to be a good offensive team, I don't think

By Justin Hebert break from third and try to hitters throughout the lineup Sports Editor get the pitcher to flinch," Gas- so this is going to be a good offensive team and I think our pitching will come through and be real good."

Gaspard used five Demon pitchers, including red shirt freshman Kyle Broughton who threw three strong innings without giving up a hit, striking out three batters and walking one.

NSU's Kevin Thomas also pitched a scoreless eighth inning striking out one batter and walking one.

"What we're doing right now is looking at a lot of pitchers to kind of see which guys can come in and pitch like Kyle did today," Gaspard said. "He came in and pitched well, as he did at Wichita State when he came in and got an out for us in the eight inning. He's had two good solid outings out of the bullpen."

Louisiana College was forced to pull starting pitcher Scott Sumner after only 2 1/3 innings of work. Sumner gave up 4 runs on four hits while striking out two batters and walking four.

The first win of the college baseball season for the Demons came on the heels of being swept three games at nationally ranked Wichita State this weekend.

NSU faced junior All-American Mike Pelfrey, who was picked to be the No. 1 draft pick in this summer's Major League Baseball Draft, Friday night in their first game of the season. The Demons were shut out 11-0 in that contest coming up with only five hits.

Saturday NSU was forced to go up against another All-"We have a play that's a there is any question," Gasforced balk where we just pard said. "We have good Shocker's Kris Johnson and



Cheryl Thompson/the CURRENT SA Demon pitcher Rusty Jones was the starting pitcher in NSU's 6-5 victory over the Louisiana College Will cats Tuesday at the newly remodeled Brown-Stroud Field but got a no decision after LC tied the game.

saw similar results.

The Demons were shut out again losing 4-0, as Johnson pitched five innings only giving up three hits; the NSU bats were only able to muster five hits total.

"Obviously, it's extremely tough to face the two pitchers we faced on Friday and Saturday. Both of those guys are going to be first rounders," Gaspard said. "From an offensive standpoint it is difficult because you're not used

to seeing that kind of velocity, but from a pitching standpoint we just didn't throw enough strikes."

Things seemed like they would be different for the Demons on Sunday but the outcome was all the same. They were downed again

after the Shockers scored a run with one out in the bottom of the ninth to win 8-7. NSU saw the bats finally

starting to come around as they collected 11 hits, includ-

\$3,130. ing a solo home run by M gan in the top of the third. This weekend the Demon

travel to Lafayette to play the Louisiana-Lafayette Cla

They will open play at p.m. on Friday against & Crim John's, who also has a ver talented pitching staff the Frank carried them to the NCA gram, d Regionals last season. NS will then face Southern at p.m. on Saturday and ULL 4 p.m. on Sunday.

# **NSU** burns Lady Colonels but falls to ULM in Prather Coliseum

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

The Lady Demons extended their winning streak to five games with a commanding win over the Lady Colonels of Nicholls State Thursday night, but fell for the first time this season in Prather Coliseum Saturday to Louisiana-Monroe.

Playing the second game of the men's-women's doubleheader live on Cox Sports Television Thursday night the Lady Demons dominated Nicholls State winning 82-65.

After trailing the Lady Colonels for the first 10 minutes of the first half, NSU was able to tie the game with back-to-back three pointers by seniors Diamond Cosby and Amanda Bennett.

The Lady Demons never trailed again building a 16point lead going into halftime up 47-31.

The second half was much of the same as NSU held on to their lead to close out the game leading by 17, winning their fifth game in a row and remaining unbeaten at home.

"We've finally started to mesh together, and we've played the toughest part of our schedule," Bennett said after the victory.

Bennett at forward, along with Cosby at guard and junior point guard Sheronda Bell, led the Lady Demons to victory with double figures scoring.

Bennett finished with 23 points and eight rebounds, while Cosby garnered 24 points. Recording her first double-double of the season Bell finished the game with 18 points and 10 assists only turning the ball over twice.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

NSU junior point guard Sheronda Bell inbounds the ball to senior guard Diamond Cosby around Nicholls State defender Katherine Plummer. The Lady Demons were victorious for their fifth straight game 82-65.

"We all complement each other very well," Cosby said. But the biggest story of the game may have been NSU's 6'5" center Ashley Spark-A senior out of Longview, Texas, Sparkman recorded 10 rebounds and became NSU's all-time career blocked-shots leader, while tying her own single game record with nine

blocked shots. "It feels really good, at the same time, we're worried about how we do in conference," Sparkman said. "Individual awards are nice but they don't do anything for your conference record.

The 21-year-old record of 217 career blocks, which was held by Tracy Taylor who played at NSU from 1981-1984, was tied by Sparkman 49 seconds into the second half and then broken 6 seconds later.

Sparkman, who extended her streak to 42 games with a blocked shot against Nicholls State and then even

against ULM, ranks fourth nationally in blocked shots.

The Lady Demons tried to continue their winning ways Saturday but were downed 70-64 by the Lady Indians during NSU's Homecoming weekend.

The big difference in the game was the 14 offensive rebounds the Lady Indians managed to collect. While the Lady Demons were only able to gather three offensive boards, all coming in the

The many second chances for ULM lead their victory despite only shooting 34.4 percent from the field taking 13 more shots than NSU.

'We shoot the ball better than they do, they take a few more shots than we do, but the big difference on the stat sheet is the offensive rebounds," Lady Demon's head coach Jennifer Graf said. "We didn't get an offensive board in the second half, that's unheard of. I

further to 43 with four don't know of any team in America that can win by not rebounding on their offensive end."

NSU sophomore guard Chassidy Jones recorded a double-double in the loss pulling down 12 rebounds, all defensive, while scoring 15 points.

Jones joined three other Lady Demons who scored in double figures. Bell led the team with 16 points despite turning the ball over eight times, while Cosby scored 13 and Bennett finished with 11

The loss dropped NSU to fourth place in the SLC behind the Lady Indians with only five games remaining before the SLC tournament.

"As a team it hurts because you know you went out there and played your hardest but it just wasn't good enough," Jones said. "Hopefully we'll take this, put it behind us, and we'll suit up and win again."

# Softball plays spoils in Auburn Sabine Se mad tournament

**Courtesy of Sports** Information www.nsudemons.com

NSU had a four-hit shutout by Loni Rasberry and a solo home run from Shay Hunt while beating tournament host Auburn 2-0 Saturday, but then committed six errors in a 4-3 loss to Marshall at the Tiger Invitational softball tournament.

Hunt cracked her home run with two outs in the fourth.

The Demons padded the margin in the top of the sixth as Amanda Glenn led with a double and scored on Kelly Corliss' single after a sacrifice bunt by Lyndsey Gorski. Rasberry never let a runner

reach third base and stranded two in the seventh inning. NSU out hit Auburn 7-4 with Gorski contributing two

singles. Just as the Thundering Herd did Friday night while getting help from three NSU errors and three unearned runs in a six-run seventhinning comeback that netted a 6-4 win, Marshall cashed in Demon mistakes Saturday.

Sarina Noack got Northwestern on the board, scoring on a wild pitch in the first inning after leading off with a base hit.

The lead grew to 2-0 in the third on a sacrifice fly by Margaret Patterson that brought home Nicole Martin, who had singled.

Marshall, which out-hit NSU 10-4, tied the game in the third helped by an error that allowed the second run to score.

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fourth inning. Patterson cracked her 8 ond home run in as man days, and the third of the set son in the bottom of the sixt who aud but Northwestern unable to get anyone on bas in the bottom of the sevent

Sarina Noack's two-n triple was followed by an R single from Nicole Marti and a sacrifice fly from Ma garet Patterson that capped four-run fifth inning wound up as the margir victory Sunday in NSU's win over the College Charleston in the consolati final of the Tiger Invitation softball tournament host by Auburn.

NSU (7-5) held off rall by the College of Charlest (2-4) in the sixth and seve innings as the Cough pushed across a run in en inning but could not tie 17

Winning pitcher Loni berry (4-2) stranded runne at second and third in sixth inning and at sect base in the top of the seven to close the game.

Rasberry, who record two wins including a four shutout of Auburn on Sa day, made the all-tour ment team along with Patt son, who smacked homers, two doubles went 7-for-13 with four in five games over the we end.

The Demons play in and er tournament next weeke at Texas A&M, and find make their home debut Feb. 23 against Centenary.

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# Softball sets up for SLC Demons face Stephen F. Austin at

home Saturday. Sports, page 6

# Do you fake it?

Students, bar managers, and law enforcement officials discuss the use of fake IDs Life, page 5



# CURRENT SAUCE

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## Sauce on the Side

#### Board to vote on tuition hike

The University of Louisiana System will decide Friday whether to increase tuition for all its universities.

The System's finance committee will propose a 3 percent increase in base tuition for all ULS schools. If passed, this will increase tuition for all students effec-

Under current standards, a student at NSU taking a 12 hour course load pays roughly \$1,644.60 in basic fees. If the proposed measure is passed, fees will be upped to \$1,693.93 per semester. This does not include meal plans, housing, and other miscellaneous fees.

Out-of-state students will see a more substantial increase, with full-time enrollment base fees growing to \$3,130.17 from the current rate of \$3,039 a semester.

Proceedings will be open to the public and are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., with the Board of Supervisors meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the W.C.C. Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge.

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**Andrew Shirley** 

#### gainst S Criminal justice professor dies

staff the Frank Kyle, a professor in the criminal justice prone NCA gram, died Monday night. He had heart surgery in Janon. No wary and never recovered.

> A wake service will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. tonight at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, at 2500 Southside Dr. in Shreveport.

> The funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church at 1050 Bert Kouns in Shreveport.

> The Frank Kyle Love Fund has been established at Sabine State Bank to assist his family. Donations may be made at any branch or dropped off at the Criminal

Justice Office in Room 343C of Kyser Hall. For more information, call 318-687-5121.

Savanna Mahaffey

#### Wind Symphony to perform

The NSU Wind Symphony will perform Wednesday in Magale Recital Hall at 7:30 pm.

The ensemble consists of the top 55 band students of the sixt who auditioned for the symphony in the fall.

Bill Brent, director of Creative and Performing Arts, said students can expect to hear a wide variety of Music from traditional band tunes to modern music.

Second year flute player Andrea Ellis, a junior anthropology major, said "I love the Wind Symphony. The music is challenging, so it makes me a better play-

**Shelly Roberts** 

#### Student lounge re-opens

NSU students again have a lounging area in the Friedman Student Union in addition to the lobby and the

The Lifelong Learning Center, located on the second floor, was closed last summer and fall due to mold in the ceiling, Jennifer Long, coordinator of student tech-

She said the lounge re-opened at the beginning of not tie this semester.

> The area, which should not be confused with a tutoring center, was originally intended for non-traditional students, Long said.

> She said the SGA decided to provide non-traditional students with a place to study or wait for their classes where they would have a relaxed environment.

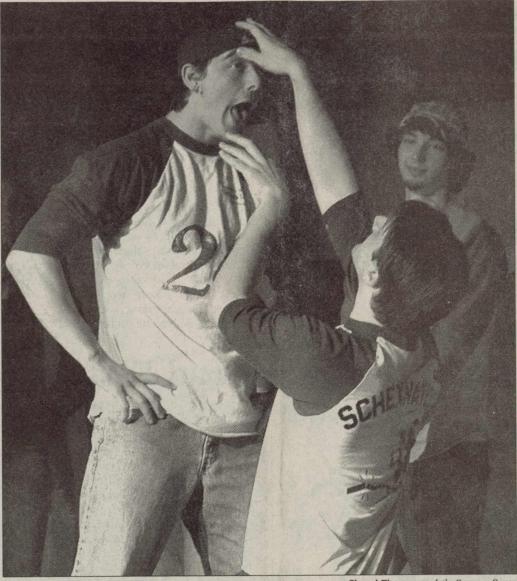
> The learning center features three computers with Internet access and a big-screen television with cable.

Long said the lounge is paid for by student fees,

allowing all students to use it.

Jimmy Brown





Cheryl Thompson / the CURRENT SAUCE Improv troupe captain Luke Sexton, left, performs a scene with Ross Shexnayder. Another troupe captain, Brian Jarreau, waits to participate. The troupe performed at the Natchitoches Arts Center Saturday

# Improv troupe delights crowd

By Lora Sheppard

improvisation troupe Out on a Limb had Saturday night with performances that included original improvisation and skits seen on the cable television show Whose Line is it

Out on a Limb, which currently has nine members, performs throughout the school year and helps with the Reading Awareness Drive for the Natchitoches Parish Library during the summer. Every year the theater department hosts new auditions with the intention of having two troupe members from each class as well

as two alternates.

Managing Editor Scott Burrell, associate proto be good."

the audience in an uproar roots back six years to an old writes on paper before the troupe performs mostly short-form improvisation, which includes games from Whose Line is it Anyway?

"It's exhilarating. You get up there and there is no set form. Everything is off the cuff and original," one of the two troupe captains, Brian Jarreau, said. "You never know what you're going to say or what other people will

Improvisation games included "Questions," in which every conversation

"It's always fresh," said must consist only of questions, with the topic suggestfessor of theater. "They have ed by the audience, "Message in my Pocket" in which Out on a Limb dates its statements that the audience improvisation troupe that show are used and "Square disbanded. A year later, Out of Emotions," in which a on a Limb was formed. The large square is divided into four sections, with each section corresponding to an emotion suggested by the audience, and the actors have to act in that emotion. Many of the skits rely on audience participation.

Out on a Limb will perform again on March 18, April 9 and April 20 at the Natchitoches Art Center on Second Street next to City Hall. Performances begin at 8 p.m., and there is no entry fee, but they are recommended for mature audiences only.

# Review: faculty, administrators must improve communication

This is the first article in a three-part series examining how the NSU administration is responding to suggestions made by an institutional review of the University. The review is available in its entirety on the Web at ulsystem.net.

Each article in the series will focus on one of three main categories of the review's findings: communication at the University, funding and fiscal issues and student life.

> By Kyle Shirley News Editor

The NSU administration is taking steps to improve campus communication and planning based on the findings of a comprehensive institutional review.

The review's results show that communication between NSU's administration and faculty must improve for the University to function more efficiently.

University of Louisiana System President Sally Clausen said the ULS contracted The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, a national nonprofit agency, to conduct a thorough study of all aspects of NSU.

According to the review, NCHEMS' goal was to outline "action steps that could be taken to strengthen the University and improve the effectiveness of its operations."

Ben Rushing, an associate professor of mathematics and president of the NSU Faculty Senate, said he agrees with the review's findings.

"We (the faculty) don't have insider input into the process of how decisions are made, or why decisions are made," Rushing said. "That

was a clearly reported defi-ciency in the University in the body of the report.

"It seems as if there's an assumption that we don't really need to know, we just need to do. For a university to function effectively, there has to be a free exchange of information," Rushing said.

He said this problem currently prevents the mathematics department from finding new professors to replace four faculty members who plan to leave after this semester. Rushing said new professors would be paid less than their predecessors, but the administration has said the University does not have the funds to pay for new faculty members.

'We're hearing from somebody, from the president or from the vice president of financial affairs, 'Well, we don't have money," Rushing said. "That makes no sense, but that's what we hear."

NSU President Randall Webb said he is addressing the communication problem by taking the review's advice and scheduling regular cabinet meetings. Webb also said he has met with his vice presidents several times since the review's release to encourage more open communication between them. Webb also sent an e-mail to faculty members Wednesday to inform them of some infrastructural changes he plans to make in light of the review's recommendations.

"We think, generally speaking, the communication is very good. We just want to improve upon that," Webb said. "I am also personally meeting with faculty from the various colleges. I am going around myself sharing information."

The review noted that

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# New parking lot to open soon

By Elaine Broussard lot.

Editor In Chief

Soon students will have another place to park on campus.

Physical Plant Director Chris Sampite said the new parking lot for the Wellness Recreation and Activities Center is set to open next

However, the opening of the lot could be pushed back if rain interferes with its completion, Sampite said.

At press time it was not determined whether the lot will be zoned as a commuter, residential or open parking area, but it will be a student spring 1999.

According to the Physical Plant, the parking lot between the Creative and Performing Arts building and Boozman Hall will be closed for repairs after the WRAC lot opens.

Completion of the WRAC complex, which has been under construction since May 2003, is now projected to occur in May, said Patric DuBois, associate director for wellness, recreational sports and intramurals.

Full-time Natchitoches campus students have paid a \$75 self-assessed fee for the WRAC each semester since



Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE On Monday concrete lamp posts lie in the new WRAC parking lot ready to be erected. The new lot is tentatively scheduled to open for use next week.

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#### **NSU Police Blotter**

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A caller reported possible drug use at the Columns.

A caller said he saw people using drugs outside of the student union. Officers saw no

2-16-05

11:05 p.m.

A CA from the Columns contacted. reported marijuana use in one of the apartments. The officer on the scene requested assis-

2-17-05

3:28 p.m. A driver was transported to the hospital by ambulance following a wreck in the Sabine parking lot.

A resident of Rapides called because another resident would not return his video games. The video games were returned.

2-18-05

8:04 a.m.

Red River called about skunks in the Fine Arts building. The animal shelter was

2-20-05

2:33 p.m.

A caller reported an argument taking place at the library. The argument was over when the officer arrived. One woman was transported to the station to make a report. 6:21 p.m.

The desk worker at Boozman

called because the fire alarm was sounding. The fire department responded. The fire alarm was activated because a resident burned her food.

7:52 p.m.

The fire alarm at Boozman went off again. The alarm was activated because food was burned again.

2-21-05

1:44 p.m. A caller reported a fight in

An officer was requested at Iberville because students were throwing food at each other. The students were gone when officer arrived but statements were taken.

Elizabeth Bolt

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there is a high level of affection toward Webb on campus, but that this affection raises a conflict for individuals who feel that the administration does not keep them informed on the causes for and results of important decisions.

Rushing also voiced concern over Webb's leadership style, saying it "tends to keep people uninformed on important issues and decisions. Maybe he can change. I hope he can."

Webb said he felt humbled by the review's appraisal of the faculty's positive attitude toward him, and he intends to continue working to resolve the issues raised by the review.

"We're developing steps to take to address the recommendations," Webb said. "We're taking it very

Rushing said he hopes this is the

"Telling people the truth about edition of the Current Sauce.

what is going on is the healthiest thing that could happen to this university," Rushing said. "We don't need to be protected from the truth. We need to be involved."

ULS Director of Communica. tions Catherine Heitman said the System paid \$49,350 for the

Part two of this series, which will address financial matters at the University, will appear in the March 3

#### Grad Fest scheduled for Wednesday By S. Claire Mayeux Matt said. Seniors can also order

Sauce Reporter

NSU's Alumni Association and the University Bookstore will host spring Grad Fest Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Janay Matt, assistant director of the NSU Alumni Association, said, 'Seniors can come to Grad Fest and take care of everything that they will need for graduation in one place in one day, and the Alumni Association is provided with information that can be used to contact these students in the future."

Grad Fest allows graduating seniors to order caps and gowns and take portraits wearing them,

class rings, graduation announcements and transcripts to send to potential employers. NSU Counseling and Career Services personnel will be on hand as well.

Matt said ARAMARK will provide free popcorn and soft drinks and Kappa Kappa Psi will provide live music. Door prizes will be given out every 30 minutes, and students who visit each station in the ballroom will be entered into a drawing to win a free class ring.

University Bookstore Manager Cathy Creamer said she acted as a middleperson between the students and Jostens to help coordinate the event.

Creamer said Jostens sells many

supplies associated with gradua-

"This year Jostens has allowed for better marketing compared to the previous years," Matt said. "The new advertising items such as banner and window decals will help make spring Grad Fest very

Lauren Stokes, a senior business administration major, said she is very excited about Grad

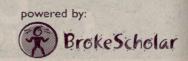
"Attending Grad Fest will be my first step to officially becoming a NSU graduate," Stokes said. " am thankful that the Alumni Association puts this event together because I can cover all of my bases

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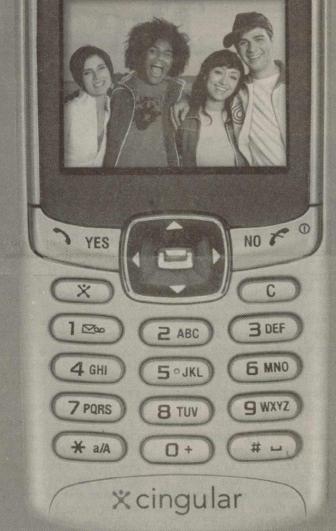
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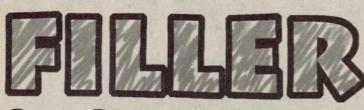
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# One State, Two State Red State, Blue State



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I'm a conservative. Really! I believe in as limited a government as possible, as much reliance on personal responsibility as America

I don't believe in governmentfunded living for those too lazy to work, but I don't think a run of hard luck should starve anyone in America either.

I think taxes should be applied equally and used only rarely as a regulatory nudge, not as a taxand-spend bludgeon. I believe that the more governmental regulations there are directing my behavior, the less free I am. I am against big government.

George W. Bush is not a conservative. He belongs to the wealthy and unscrupulous class of Neo-Conservatives who took helm of the Republican party when Bob Dole tanked.

Bush's government is reading your e-mail. Bush is proposing a Social Security reform that will pretty much wipe out free public benefits.

Bush uses taxes as a political tool, to hand out favors to lobbyists and curry votes from middleclass people who could actually really use a \$300 refund RIGHT NOW, regardless of what it does to the deficit. Bush thinks that the more regulations there are directing your behavior, the safer Amer-

Bush has presided over the greatest increase in government, both in terms of the perceived duties of government and in terms of sheer organizational scope, since the Departments of War and the Navy were combined into the Department of Defense in 1947. Bush IS big government.

Every week I sit down at this computer and I generate a rant, usually a character assassination piece regarding one of Bush's many minions.

Usually it goes something like "John Negroponte was America's ambassador to Honduras during the Iran-Contra scandal and TO THIS DAY disavows all knowledge of the political death squads documented by his Carterappointed predecessor and exposed to the world in scandal.

Bush appointed him ambassador to the United Nations in his first term when we wanted to ignore them, and now he's serving as the American intelligence czar.

Expect to hear even less about the ongoing American human rights abuses being videotaped in Guantanamo Bay and around the world."

Some weeks I'll take a policy shot and point out that "Bush's social security plan completely annihilates the 'social' part of Social Security, replacing it instead

with a system of governmentmandated personal retirement

Social Security was conceived By J. Aaron and implemented as a way to ensure no one went hungry once they were too old to work, not as a universal retirement plan that would cover expensive prescription drugs and visits to see the

If Bush truly wanted the people to have control over that money and could give it to us without decreasing benefits, he'd just cut taxes and declare himself a working-class hero. Again." And all of that is true.

This looks like a couple of pretty straightforward attacks on the opposing party when you're trapped in the modern two-party

When someone tells you things you don't want to hear about your guy," your first tendency is to get defensive because he plays for your team. I want to remind all the real conservatives out there that the Neo-Conservatives are not

The red-state/blue-state mentality is a function of the propaganda machines cranking out conflict to generate ratings, trying to tie your salary, your shopping habits, and what kind of car you drive to your

(And the Republicans are in fact tracking all those facts with their Voter Vault software, called Bush's secret re-election weapon and revealed to be now in use by the Conservative Party in England

Let this serve as a reminder that Bush is not the face of conservative ideals. He does not speak about overblown government or the importance of a free market.

He expands the scope of the government's duties and uses the government to funnel public money back into the private sector, thus imposing Uncle Sam as an unnecessary and expensive intermediary on behalf of citizens presumed too dumb to invest their own money wisely.

Even if you hate John Kerry and Howard Dean and Barbara Boxer and all the other commie liberals, remember that they are the opposition to the anti-freedom legislation the Neo-Conservatives in charge of the Republican Party are trying to get through.

E-mail SauceFiller@hotmail.com if you have something to say.

You can also mail me comments you'd like read and discussed on 91.7 FM KNWD Friday mornings from 8:00 to 10:00. I-55.com/~Q for sources on surveillance, Negroponte, and Voter Vault.

See you next week, same bat time, same bat paper.

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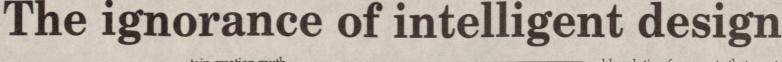
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By Jason

It seems that the Scopes Trial was just the beginning. Everyone should remember last year when lobbyists in Georgia proposed legislation ban-ning the use of the word "evolution" in classrooms.

After all, doing so might provide children with the highly heretical notion that organisms adapt to selective pressures in order to survive. Well, the religious right has finally surrendered (for now) the attempt to dispel Darwin's hypothesis from biology classes entirely.

They are placing all of their bets on the proposition to include teachings about evolution as evidence of intelligent design.

The idea of intelligent design is a covert ruse of certain groups with a social agenda. They want to teach the kiddies that natural occurrences often described as evolution occur under the supervision of a cosmic architect in accordance with a cer- deplorable.

tain creation myth.

I think anyone can realize the implications of this manner of thinking. Members of said demographic are attempting to get a foot in the door to circumvent separation of church and state and then resume their crusade to permanently erase the voyage of the H. M. S. Beagle from existence.

The purpose of this entry is not to present an argument supporting the theory of evolution. I am not an expert in this field nor am I a biology student, and therefore I am certain I do not grasp the intricate details of the theory enough to defend it against the most knowledgeable critics in the opposition.

Like Daniel Dennett says in his book Darwin's Dangerous Idea, "There is no such thing as a sound Argument from Authority." However, I highly recommend any of you who have questions on the subject to read Dennett's book for any needed clarification on the truth about the

There is a longstanding tradition of separation of church and state, and considering that they have not really been separate until recent decades, I believe this movement is

Most kids do not pay attention in class anyway, and if their belief system is so unstable that a simple hour of scientific theory will shake their faith, then

perhaps it was the parents that failed.."

If our education system decides to start misrepresenting the emergence of life, let's throw in the Chinese account about the world being carried on the back of a giant frog when it's time to go to astrophysics class.

That makes about as much sense as every living organism being created arbitrarily in a twenty-four hour period in its current state sans homo sapiens. Us humans got to crash the party a day later because we are the center of the universe, unless you are a PETA member.

Anyway, most kids do not pay attention in class anyway and if their belief system is so unstable that a simple hour of scientific theory will shake their faith, then perhaps it was the parents that failed.

Anyway, there is already a plausi-

ble solution for parents that want to preserve these misconceptions. Just do the same thing my parents did when they became disgusted with the public education system and pay tuition for a private faith-based edu-

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During my senior year the biology instructor debunked the evils of Darwin in her biology II class by showing the movie Fantasia and having students take note of scientific errors during the sequence featuring events that resemble evolu-

I am appreciative of the fact that I received my high school "diploma" from an unaccredited institution that used a 1941 Disney animation showcasing the music of Leopold Sokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra as an example of definitive scientific evidence.

If you have something to say or are curious about anything not covhere, write che.disciple@gmail.com. I welcome any and all debate.

Jason Cole is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

# The Middle Path On flag desecration



By Justin Shatwell

Of all the lightning rod issues in American politics, I think the most pointless is flag desecration. Almost without fail, bills banning desecration are introduced around every major election to rally sup-

I don't think anyone ever really expects these bills to pass; they are simply political tools which our lawmakers waste valuable time and resources writing, debating, and ultimately voting down.

Personally, I'm not a big proponent of flag desecration as a means of protest; it tends to end discussions, not start them. However, I support the right to do it, and I am always an opponent of any bill that seeks to ban it. Beyond the First Amendment concerns, these bills raise subjective questions to which there are no fair answers.

The key problem is that there is

no clear definition of desecration questionable as the practice is also that can be applied evenhandedly in every situation.

With no clear definition, the law would have to be interpreted on a case-by-case basis allowing for the possibility that political biases could undermine justice.

For instance, let's say that during a protest, numerous people painted slogans upon American flags, an act sometimes interpreted as dese-

They say things such as "God Bless America," "W 4Ever," "Don't Tread on Me," "Bush is the Devil," and "Dean 2008." Which of these is desecration? It doesn't seem fair to arrest all of them.

The first one is clearly just trying to be patriotic. It is unclear what "Don't Tread on Me," refers to or what the intent of its carrier is.

As for the three blatantly political ones, you have to punish all of them or none at all. Even if you were to only punish the one that makes the unsubstantiated claim that the president is Satan, you open yourself up to accusations of political bias.

Such questions can arise concerning almost any type of possible desecration. Even flag burning is seen as an honorable way to retire an old or damaged banner. Our legal system simply cannot

operate on an "I-know-it-when-I-see-it" basis. All people are biased and no one can be trusted to be consistently fair, especially concerning such a touchy subject.

Anti-desecration laws too often depend on determining the intent of the person accused. This is almost impossible because the flag represents different things for different people. Every citizen, native or immigrant, is an equal inheritor of that symbol and they are free to relate to it as they will. Often people have conflicting feelings towards it.

American Indians may look at it and see the banner that their grandparents served in WWII to protect, but in the same instant be painfully aware that every star on that flag was cheated or stolen from their ancestors. Parents of soldiers may see it as

both the symbol of their child's honor as well as the symbol of a government whose policies they do not agree with.

Patriotism is not such a black and white concept as anti-desecration laws claim. No law can mandate how a "good" American should feel about their country or the flag that symbolizes it. Nor does any lawmaker have the right to tell us how to represent our complicated relationship with these United (but so often dividing)

The fact of the matter is that most citizens who burn a flag see the action as patriotic. For whatever reason, they feel wronged, ignored or disenfranchised.

Flag desecration is the last resort of a person whose personal image of the flag no longer represents the reality of the country around them. We are all in this country together,

I think we would be far better off if we took the time we wasted writing bills to ban flag desecration and spent it trying to find out why so many of our neighbors feel so abandoned.

Justin Shatwell is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His column appears weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

# BY CONNOR JOHNSON I don't think I can make lye with cigareth ashes... I'd better wash this bad boy early morning debates



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# Editor's explanation



By Elaine Broussard Editor In Chief

I must admit, my mugshot is not something you see very often on this page Although I don't seem to be as

fiercely opinionated as some of my predecessors and co-workers, that does not mean I am too timid to speak out when it is appropriate.

I am writing this note to the student body as an explanation for running the first six-page issue of the Current Sauce since before I, and many of you, began attending NSU. The newspaper is not shorter

this week because the staff got tired. Nobody was sick. Everything was as usual.

The only difference is a lack of funding. In the past, my adviser and my department head have asked me to be judicious when making the decision to add pages to the newspaper or run color pages, which add extra costs to our production. However, suddenly things are supposedly worse than I thought. I have recently been told that the Current Sauce's budget is "in the hole."

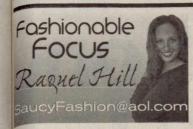
I have not asked to see any budget sheets, though I intend to soon. Although I am editor, my involvement in the financial aspects of running the Sauce has been minimal. I have been told that my focus should be "getting the paper out" rather than involving myself in financial concerns.

I do not know exactly why the Sauce's budget is low, although I have been told that it is largely due to a lack of advertisement sales and decreasing enrollment (the Sauce receives a \$3 selfassessed fee from every full-time student each semester, thus decreased enrollment means less money for us).

I am unsure how instrumental I will be in helping the Sauce recover some of its losses (besides shortening the paper and letting paid staff members go), but I intend to find out very soon. All I know is that I was heavily advised to shorten the newspaper this week due to low advertising revenue. I admit that it was my decision to follow this advice, but I am very disappointed in the situation.

I'm not sure if anyone really cares, but I think every student who reads the Sauce has the right to know what is going on.

Please e-mail me at currentsauce@gmail.com with comments or concerns.



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#### Your Daily Make-Under

On a daily basis, there is no need to go totally glammed-out. It would be pointless and timeconsuming to try to get "beautyqueen" hair every morning or out on a pound-and-a-half of makeup. Nowadays, the most heautiful celebrities are sporting around Hollywood au natural. so this season, forget dramatic hair and makeup and go for soft, subtle looks that make huge impact!

The first thing usually noticed on a girl is her eyes, so it is only fitting that you do everything in your power to enhance their natural beauty. This cannot be done by applying 25 layers of mascara on top of six layers of eyeliner and a pound of eye shadow. It can only be pulled off by applying less. As the saying goes, less really is more. Did you know that wearing too much mascara could make most women look considerably older? It's true! So to apply less, choose a lengthening (not a thickening) formula to avoid a dumpy, chunky look. Apply a maximum of two coats to your upper lashes and one coat to your lower ones. Make sure that you brush between coats to get rid of any access mascara on your lashes.

When it comes to eyeliner, heavily lined eyes tend to look small and beady. By applying less and blending, you get a much cleaner and more defined look. To get this look, use a cream liner instead of a conventional pencil. Apply it along the upper lash lines only with a liner brush. Be sure to smudge it with a clean, dry Q-tip as well. Wearing too much eye shadow takes away from your face and draws more attention to your makeup and now you probably are thinking, "We isn't that the point?" The "Well, answer, my friends, is no it is not. The point of wearing makeup is to enhance your features, not to cover them up. Therefore It is important to stick to subtle shadows. Look for a sheer, creamy texture that will go on delicately. When choosing a

shade, look for a hue that works

well with your skin tone. If you

cream complexion, try looking

for shades of shimmering taupe

have a lighter peaches-and-

or gold-flecked pink. Rich tones like emerald and plum really accentuate darker complexions. Next, we move onto the lips, the second most noticeable thing on a woman. Choosing a lip color that is perfect for you can be difficult. Some colors may be too dark for your skin color and might make you appear harsh and matronly, and it could also make you look washed out or even highlight early fine-lines around your mouth and eyes. lry working with subtle lipcolor. Choose one that looks natural or perhaps one or two hades darker than your natural p-color. For an even more natural look, try a lip-stain. This is Perfectly inviting look because makes your smackers appear as if you had just eaten berries.

If you have questions or comments regarding fashion, trends products, e-mail Raquel at aucyFashion@aol.com. Who knows? It could be featured in the next issue of the Sauce.

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Students remember a pioneer in African-American history

Sauce Reporter

A lesson in black history teaches NSU students and professors the value of a hard-earned dollar.

Throughout black history, many names stand out as pioneers in paving the way for blacks. Such names include George Washington Carver, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Harriet Beecher Stowe and many more. Their names have etched lasting memories and have motivated movements of black people that enable our society to be as diverse as it is today.

Madame CJ Walker stands

By Will Moses prominent in the names listed and it gave blacks a sense of power Madame Walker experimented above. Her invention of hair care products for black women during a time of oppression built her an empire which in turn led to her million dollar success. By simply working hard to get what she wanted out of life, she became the first black female millionaire.

> Assistant Political Science Professor William Hoston said, "She embraced the assimilation of blacks to the dominant culture by providing them with the method of assimilating

"With her invention, blacks can now acquire the similar styles that the dominant culture has embraced

to look like the people that have around with what works and what oppressed them," Hoston said.

Hoston said Walker is an example of where hard work can lead

"Being a black woman to have a creative idea at that time was paramount," Hoston said.

Shannon Williams, a junior social work major, sells beauty products by a mail-order catalog company. She said if she was doing what she does today in the time of Walker, she probably would not have much to sell.

We have so many products today because people like

doesn't work," Williams said.

Williams also said that if Walker's straightening comb, a device that uses heat to straighten exceptionally course hair with the aid of pomades, was never invented, black people would not know what "nappy" hair is because there would be no standard of comparison.

Jared Kutz, a freshman accounting major, said good hair care is essential to good hygiene.

Your hair is the first thing people see," Kutz said. Kutz said if he was a salesman ageable style.

in the time of Walker, he would spend a day in a black beauty salon to better understand how to serve his customers and give them what they want.

Procha Maber, a junior criminal justice major, said that the straightening comb was a horrible way to get straight hair.

"I used to cover my ears when my mom would use it on me to keep my ears from being burned," Maber said. "I like to get perms because it is much easier than the hot comb."

The hot comb invention enabled black women to have a more man-

# **NSU** Theatre to present 'Someone Who'll Watch Over Me'



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce James Dalmer rehearses for Someone to Watch Over Me. Dalmer plays Edward Sheradon in the show which will appear in the Loft Theatre at 7:30 Feb. 26-27.

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takes the audience from laughing at the men and the silly things that they do to pass the time back to the horrid reality of being stuck in a tiny cell with little hope. LeMarie presents the realization that if they do not stick together then they do not have a chance of surviving.

Eric Duhon plays Michael Watters, an Englishman, who has a hard time coping with the fact that he is being held captive. James Palmer plays Edward Sharadon, an Irishman, who passes the time with a humorous sarcasm and directs all of his anger towards Michael Watters. Jayson Belew plays American Adam Canning who has been in the cell longer than the other two men. He relies

on his Bible and exercise to get him through this hard time.

"In the original production of Someone Who'll Watch Over Me the actors had a much tighter space to work in," says LeMarie. "I wanted for them to interact more when they play games and have conversations so I'm giving them more

LeMarie says that he wants for the audience to feel as if they are in the cell with the three men and experiencing the same sadness they are. He will have the seating surrounding these men so that everyone can get a different perspective. LeMarie will combine chains hooked to the men's legs, and dim lighting to add to the eerie sense of reality he wants the audience to feel.

# have to try to stay alive. LeMarie Getting caught with a fake ID could kill the party

Sauce Reporter

After an exhausting week of classes the weekend is a time of relaxation or a trip home to visit friends and family for NSU students. Those students who are not relaxing or visiting home may catch a bad case of Saturday night fever. They crowd local night clubs and restaurants to social-

with luck make new friends as well. The thing that makes our college years so unique is that we can party with peers everyday if we feel it's necessary. Drinking at night clubs is a social norm

for college students,

ize with old

friends and

even those under age. So how do you purchase alcohol if you are under 21? And how do you enter a nightclub if you are not yet 18? Easy, you use a fake ID. Statistics from Mothers Against Drunk Dri- have a huge problem with stu-

By Samantha Foley ving show that since the drinking dents trying to use fake ID's except age in Louisiana was raised to 21 in for at the beginning of school when 1995 the use of fake IDs has increased substantially.

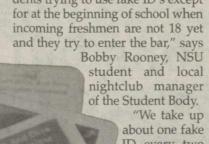
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Frank McGuiness tells the tale of

three men trapped in a cell in

Beirut. They do not understand

why they are being held captive,

but they do know one thing; they

ID every two weeks," says Travis Landry, NSU student and manager of the Pinnacle night club, "Usually the peo-

fake IDs g e caught entering the bar, not trying to pur-

chase alcohol. Louisiana law states that fake ID usage is a misdemeanor, and users can be fined up to \$250 and have their

driver's licenses suspended for between 90 days up to a year. Depending on the offender's criminal record, some users may also serve jail time.

"I feel that my job is to enforce the law and that is what I do, even when it comes to fake IDs," says Natchitoches Police Department Detective Jeff Franks. "These laws keep teens safe.'

However, despite the possible consequences, some NSU students openly admit that they have used

"When I was under 21 I used a fake ID to buy alcohol regularly," says Eva Sterling, junior journalism major. "I used the ID on Bourbon Street several times never having a problem, but I got caught using it in Shreveport and had to pay \$50 to get it back from the guy working the door."

Whether you are trying booze on Bourbon or simply get into a local bar and hang-out with fellow students in Natchitoches, underage students should be aware of the consequences when deciding'

whether to use fake IDs. Photo Illustration by Chris Reich



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Justin Hebert The Full

#### Too tough for LSU?

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Could it be that maybe, just perhaps, a national powerhouse like the LSU Tigers would be nervous to face a I-AA opponent like, say, NSU next season?

This past weekend I was reading in the Shreveport Times that LSU has decided to schedule Appalachian State to fill a Nov. 5 open date in their schedule.

The Tigers were supposed to face former Demon head coach Steve Roberts and his Arkansas State Indians on this day, but ASU declined to return after being pummeled 53-3 last season in Tigerland.

The Indians had decided to face LSU a season earlier than planned due to Houston backing out of a 2004 contest in Baton Rouge.

After offers to other I-A institutions were declined, LSU Athletic Director Skip Bertman decided to schedule what, according to the Shreveport Times, an LSU release called "perennial I-AA power" Appalachian

Well if the Mountaineers are a I-AA power then I guess you could consider NSU one step above that after the Demons defeated them 40-35 early last season here in Turpin Stadium.

The Shreveport Times reports that \$400,000 will be paid to Appalachian State for traveling to LSU. What I don't understand is why can't LSU help Louisiana out and pay an in-state school to play them.

It doesn't even have to be NSU, what about McNeese, I think they have been pretty decent in I-AA in the past. I guess they did make it to the I-AA championship game in

Maybe it is not a matter of looking for the toughest team to play.

After reading this article I happened to see NSU strength training coach Zeb Hawkins and decided to ask him about it and he brought to my attention a very interesting point.

LSU may not want to risk being in a tight game with a school such as NSU, MSU or any other I-AA team, or even take the chance of one of those teams pulling out an amazing upset and defeating the Tigers.

If either were to happen it would be detrimental to LSU's recruiting, especially

Maybe they were watching closely a couple of years back when we defeated TCU at their own home.

A division I-AA team wouldn't have anything to lose by playing a nationally ranked I-A team and you know the saying, people with nothing to lose are the most dangerous.

Whatever the reason is, it would be nice to see a strong Southland Conference team out of Louisiana or even Southern or Grambling get a shot at the Tigers.

You know how many fans would show up for a game like that and who knows, it could even spark a little rivalry between two Louisiana teams.

The stands would surely be packed because everyone wouldn't be traveling from Boone, N.C.

When you look at it that way, you would think it would be just as helpful for the Tigers to play a Louisiana I-AA team.

Just give it a chance LSU.

# NSU ready for SLC action



Demon head coach Mike Perniciaro speaks with catcher Margaret Patterson during an intersquad scrimmage before the season began. Patterson is leading the Demons with a .342 batting average and .632 slugging percentage while hitting three homeruns and driving in six runs.

The start of the NSU Demons softball season has been like a roller coaster ride, lots of ups and downs, but first-year head coach Mike Perniciaro said, "The inconsistencies are to be expected this early in the season."

Perniciaro, or Pooch as he is known to his players, has guided the Demons to an 8-9

Don't however; let the record fool you; four of the losses have been to nationally ranked teams, two to Alabama and one each to ULL and Texas A&M with the highlight win of the season being a 2-0 shutout of Auburn, Perniciaro's former

Perniciaro said the biggest surprise of the season has been the impressive offensive and defensive play of sophomore Margaret Patterson and junior Sarina Noack. Patterson leads the Demons with a .342 batting average while Noack leads the team with 9 runs scored. "The biggest surprise

though has to be the pitching of Loni Rasberry," Perniciaro

Rasberry, a senior righthander from Tyler, Texas,

By Adam Hymel leads the Demons in al Sauce Reporter major pitching categories and was the starter in the shutout against Auburn.

Rasberry nearly led the Demons to an upset of No. 12 ranked Alabama with three-hit game that ended 2. in the Crimson Tide's favor.

Perniciaro said after two solid years Rasberry strug. gled last season, but has picked it up and done good things for the club.

The Demons have played every game on the road this year and look forward to returning home.

NSU was scheduled make their first appearance of the season at the Demon Diamond Wednesday to play Centenary College out of Shreveport, but the game was postponed due to rain. Sha

Saturday they will open conference play against Stephen F. Austin.

'We're glad to finally getal speare home game in front of our compri fans," Perniciaro said. "SFA works. has a lot of young players The and are still working on 6 p.m. some things, so we're fortu Nelson nate to have them at home

The Demons will play a double-header Saturday "The Ta starting at 1 p.m. with the Lear," " final game Sunday at 1 p.m. Admi

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### Jones, Broughton pick up early season wins By Justin Hebert over Louisiana Tech Tuesday at son high, despite striking out 12

Sports Editor

Taking the mound as a starter for the first time in his collegiate freshman Kyle Broughton pitched six shutout innings with the poise of a seasoned veteran.

Broughton picked up his first college win giving up only four hits while striking out five batters, helping the Demons defeated Northern Iowa 6-3 Wednesday night at Brown-Stroud

"For his first start in his college career that was outstanding," head coach Mitch Gaspard said. "He just had really good command all night. I was real pleased with his outing."

The Demons rebounded from a loss to Louisiana-Lafayette Sunday in the UL tournament with a commanding 8-1 victory

J.C. Love Field in Ruston.

The team rode an impressive pitching performance from senior left hander Rusty Jones, who notched his first win of the season going 6 2-3 innings giving up one run on seven hits while striking out four.

"Rusty Jones was outstanding and Blake Jones came in right behind him and really shut their offense down," Gaspard said.

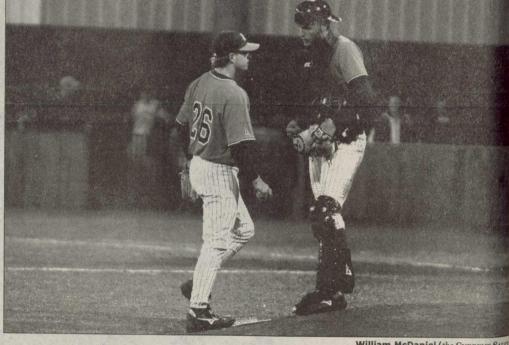
son pitching 2 1-3 innings without allowing a run while only giving up three hits and striking out five. The reliever also helped NSU out at the plate going three for four with a double, driving in a run and scoring

The Demons, who were held to only two hits in their loss to ULL, exploded for 12 hits, a sea- happen."

Two of the 12 NSU hits were homeruns; one a fifth inning solo homerun by left fielder Michael Palermo, his first of the year, to put the Demons up 2-0, and a grand slam in the eighth by shortstop Scott Pittenger to put the game out of reach at 8-1.

The Demons will continue action as they host the NSU tournament this weekend at Blake Jones came on in relief Brown-Stroud field. They will to get his second save of the sea- play Kansas State at 4 p.m. Friday, then face Northern Iowa Saturday at 4, and finish up with Eastern Michigan Sunday at 1:30

"We would like to see our offense come alive even more so this weekend," Gaspard said. T've been really pleased with the last four or five starts so hopefully that will continue to



William McDaniel/the CURRENT SAU Demon catcher Marty Dewees talks with freshman righty Kyle Broughton during Wednesday's 6-3 win over Northern Iowa. Broughton left his role as a reliever to pick up a win in his first college start.

# Demon athletes top academic honor ro

Sports Editor NSU has recently placed 61

student-athletes on the Hibernia Bank/SLC Fall 2004 Academic Honor Roll from the football, volleyball, men and women's cross country and women's soccer teams.

In order to make the honor roll the student-athletes must have a 3.0 GPA for that semes-

By Justin Hebert and in the community. There on the fall honor roll includwere 400 student-athletes elected from the Southland Conference.

While NSU led all 11 SLC schools, McNeese followed with 58, then Stephen F. Austin and Texas State each accounted for 51 members of list, Southeastern Louisiana had 44 and Nicholls State had 32.

The Demons' football team ter while excelling on the field notched 28 student-athletes

ing linebacker Paul Mefford who, for the second year in a row was selected as the SLC Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year for football. Mefford is a business administration major holding a 3.86 GPA while finishing the Demons SLC championship season as the second-leading tackler with 97 tackles.

"Paul has done remarkably

field and he's also participated in several of our community service events," said NSU academic advisor Julie Lessiter. "He's an outstanding student-athlete and we hope that he continues to go on and do Northwestern State proud."

As academic advisor, Lessiter works closely with coaches and NSU faculty to

great athlete on the football letes maintain a high level of academics while pursuing a degree from NSU

Lessiter said that she and her staff were proud to see the results of their hard work with how many Demons were eligible for the academic honor roll.

Besides having the most football players in the SLC make the list, NSU had seven of 13 Lady Demon volleyball well academically and he's a help ensure that student-ath- players, seven of 14 men's onships."

and women's cross count runners, and 18 of the 25 members of the soccer team Recital H meet the requirements for the NSU and

"Overall I think it helps the status of your university Lessiter said. "If you hav smart kids that are coming and producing good grade every semester, not only we have the smart kids bu we're also winning champl

# Lady Demons fall to Southern Mississippi



William McDaniel/the CURRENT SAUCE Lady Demon Catalina Villegas serves during her match against Southern Mississippi Saturday. Villegas lost in three sets to Sherry Price but earlier this month was named SLC tennis player of the week. Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demons tennis team hosted the University of Southern Mississippi Lady Eagles Saturday in a pre-conference match-up but could not capture a victory.

The Lady Eagles displayed their confidence by winning three doubles matches 8-3.

USM's Nicola Slater and Sherry Price defeated Anneline Zerwick and Alexandra Nieto at No. 1.

Zerwick said she was mentally prepared to face the Lady Eagles and could have played

"I played better than last week when we faced Tyler Junior College," Zerwick said. "The games we have been playing are to prepare us for win as Narra beat Silva for the

By Warren Hayes conference and we should be playing better than this."

Nikhila Narra and Grace Kemmerer won the No. 2 slots over Catalina Villegas and Fernanda Silva, and Ali Blackett and Jennifer Sibille won the No. 3 slots over Magali Van den Bergh and Marcia Alcantra.

Coach Willie Paz said the team will have to work hard to finish the matches when they have the lead.

"We need to capitalize in the matches we play," Paz said. "We have the lead in matches, but we can't finish."

In singles matches, the Demons were unsuccessful. Slater won the No. 1 over Zerwick 7-6, 6-1. In the No. 2, Price defeated Villegas 2-6, 6-2 and 6-2. USM continued to No. 3, 7-6 and 6-2.

"I played the whole game with confidence, but I could n't win," Silva said. "In the first set, I was winning 5 but I lost 7-6, 6-2 in the second

After the first three single matches, the Lady Eagle swept the Demons in the las

Kemmerer won 6-4, 67 over Van den Bergh at No. Blackett beat Nieto 6-3, 6-0 al No. 5, and Sibille defeated

Camila Prado 6-1, 6-4 at No. Despite the loss, Paz salu this game was a learning present a experience for him and the out the n

Demons. "USM is a very good team Paz said. "We will conce! trate on finishing matche when we have a lead. There time to fix the gaps we have

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Champions!

Demons claim baseball championship

with long string of wins. Sports, page 6

> Local band diversifies the music scene. Life, page 4



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### Sauce on the Side

#### ie to rain. NSU theatre to present will open Shakespeare montage

The NSU Theatre Department will present "Shakeinally geta speare: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," which is ont of our comprised of scenes from a dozen Shakespearean said. "SFA works.

ng players The play, which Scott Burrell is directing, will begin at orking on 6 p.m. from March 10-12 and 14-16 outside Lee H. ve're fortu Nelson Hall.

The production will include scenes from "The Winter vill play a Tale," "Romeo and Juliet," Much Ado About Nothing," "The Taming of the Shrew," "A Comedy of Errors," "King "Hamlet," "Othello" and "Richard III."

> Admission is free to the public. Bleacher seating will be provided, but audience members are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets.

#### **Guest pianist to perform in** Magale Recital Hall

As part of the Louisiana Piano Series International, pianist Eric Le Van will perform at NSU.

Each performance of the series will include a preconcert lecture and will be followed by a reception. Public master classes will be scheduled for selected NSU students the following day.

Le Van's performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in Magale Recital Hall.

Admission is \$10 for the public and free to NSU and Louisiana School students with a current ID. For more information, visit www.fitenko.com/pianoseries.

#### Symphony to feature concerto contest winners

The winners of the NSU annual concerto competition will perform in the Natchitoches-Northwestern Sympho-

The concert will showcase a sampling of talent from several musical disciplines and will conclude with a full symphony performance of Dvorak's "Symphony No. 8

The concerto winners and their selections are trum-Peters Joel Adair of Palestine, Texas and Steven Anderson of Sulphur; flutist Clara Loy of Louisville, Ill.; and Derek Phillips of Plano, Texas.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Magale occer team Recital Hall. Admission is \$10 for the public and free to ents for the NSU and Louisiana School students.

#### **Band fraternity, Red Cross to** coming hold tsunami relief fundraiser

The national honorary band fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi, the American Red Cross and the City of Natchitoches are holding a tsunami relief fundraiser.

The fundraiser will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on friday and Saturday on the riverfront stage.

Active KKPsi members will be selling tickets for ham-Durger lunches for \$4 in advance and \$5 on site. Tickets must be presented to receive food.

The lunch will include a hamburger, potato chips, cookies, condiments and a drink.

#### **Guest conductor to lead NSU** Wind Symphony

The NSU Wind Symphony will present a concert at dy Eagle 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 in Magale Recital s in the last Hall. Caroline Beatty will be the guest conductor.

The Wind Symphony is conducted by Bill Brent and is n 6-4, 6<sup>-1</sup> gh at No. <sup>1</sup> the premier wind and percussion ensemble at NSU. It s composed of the top 56 wind and percussion musi-

6-4 at No. In the past, the group has performed at the College s, Paz salu Band Director's National Association Conference. They a learning present an annual concert tour to high schools throughm and by out the region and will perform in Baton Rouge and New Orleans for two days this spring.

Admission is free and open to the public.

**Briefs compiled by Savanna Mahaffey** 

# **ULS** board raises tuition

Sauce Reporter

University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors voted Friday for a 3 percent tuition increase for all ULS schools due to an increased need for finances.

An executive summary that accompanied the bill

By Andrew Shirley included research that indicated the increase would yield an estimated \$7.6 million in additional revenues, costing an average of \$96 per academic year for full time students enrolled at each of the system's eight schools. LSU is expected to follow

> suit with a similar increase. The increase is hoped to generate revenue for the

schools, as well as make improvement, Vice President was brought up." Louisiana Universities more of Business Affairs Carl Jones competitive among schools in the southeastern states.

In a ULS press release dated Feb. 25, it was estimated that Louisiana schools currently have a tuition level that is on average 18.5 percent below those of other

schools in the Southeast. Despite the desire for the original reasons that this

said the funds will be used to relieve the financial burden caused by the new admission

mented next fall. "The money will be used to offset the financial loss due to declined enrollment," Jones said. "That was one of

guidelines that will be imple-

Jones said the money

earned by each school will be the same as any other income.

"The money generated by Northwestern will go Northwestern," towards Iones said.

The increase is slated to go into effect this summer.

# BPCC students will blend in on campus

By Jimmy Brown Sauce Reporter

When Bossier Parish Community College arrives on Campus in the fall, it will be a difficult task to differentiate its students from NSU's.

Connie McConathy, director of BPCC at NSU, said BPCC and NSU students will share several similarities, including many of the fees NSU students pay.

"Pretty much whatever a Northwestern student pays would be... what a Bossier student pays," Parish McConathy said.

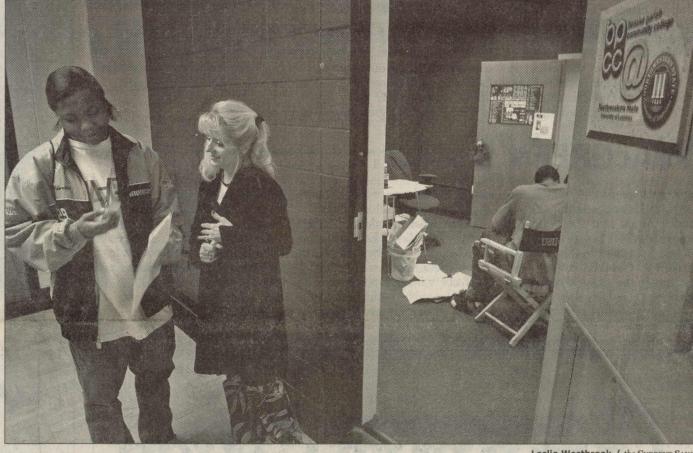
However, BPCC's tuitions will be cheaper than NSU's, she said. She did not know how significant the difference

Another dissimilarity will be that BPCC students will not be obligated to stay on campus or buy a meal plan, but they are allowed to lodge in the campus dormitories and use the dining facilities, McConathy said.

The students will also have access to the different computer labs, possess NSU identification cards and will have classes in the same buildings as do NSU students.

McConathy said the only way to know if students belong to BPCC is by following them to their classes, which only BPCC students would attend.

Developmental course teachers will still teach



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce

NSU basketball player Sharonda Bell chats with BPCC at NSU Director Connie McConathy outside the BPCC office in Kyser Hall. Inside, basketball player Marcellas Ross studies for a college algebra exam.

be part of NSU, McConathy

She said a student can only take one remedial class to be considered for NSU enrollment. Students who must take two or more remedial courses must enroll through

Also, according to the 2004-

because those classes will still 05 University catalog, all entering freshmen must have completed 16.5 of the Regents' High School core curriculum and must have a 2.0 high school cumulative GPA or have a composite score of 20 on the ACT or have been ranked in the top 50 percent of their graduating

According to the catalog there will be exceptions to those who do not meet the criteria for admissions. In cooperation with the Settlement Agreement, NSU must set aside 15 percent as admission exceptions to include 10 percent for other race students and 5 percent for students such as those with spe-

cial talents, who are athletes or who are children of alum-

Other exceptions regarding transfer, home-schooled and non-traditional students havebeen set and can be found in the catalog.

The new selective admission will only affect those ■ See BPCC, page 6



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce

A bulldozer levels the ground at a future Walgreen's site at the corner of Keyser Avenue and East Third Street. The store is scheduled to open on July 1.

# New Walgreen's under construction

By Katie Lopez said. Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches conducted a groundbreaking ceremony yesterday for the new Walgreen's under construction at 300 Keyser Avenue.

Developer Key One LLC proposes to construct a 14,800 square feet building that is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day and has a drive through pharmacy, said Juanita Fowler, City of Natchitoches Planning and Zone Director.

"Developer Key One LLC purchased all the properties in the area where the new Walgreen's will be and demolished them," Fowler

Debbie Zienne, the manager of Cade's Pharmacy in Natchitoches, feels that the new pharmacy will hurt someone, but she is not sure if it will be the chain stores or local businesses. Zienne feels that more people will pull away from Wal-Mart and Rite Aid pharmacies than the smaller businesses.

"Albertson's didn't last long so I don't see this one lasting either," Zienne said.

Walgreen's will offer internships and scholarships to students majoring in pharmacy. It will also offer management internships, a Walgreen's customer relations ■ See Walgreen's, page 2

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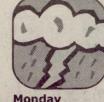
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# Review advises NSU to address financial issues

part series examining how the NSU administration is responding to suggestions made by an institutional review of the University. The review is available in its entirety on the Web at ulsystem.net. This article's focus is NSU's fiscal issues.

> By Kyle Shirley News Editor

NSU administrators are working to address financial issues raised by a comprehensive institutional

The first two points of the review explain that although NSU is "operating on a very limited resource base," the University seems to be using its available funds appropriately.

"There are various things that cause institutional funding levels to be low. Ours is especially low," NSU President Randall Webb said. "A part of it has to do with enrollment increases... without the University receiving the state appropriations to go along with that."

Webb met with approximately 100 faculty members from the Liberal Arts Department Tuesday to discuss how his administration plans to deal with the review's findings. At the meeting, Webb attributed some of the University's fiscal problems to Governor Kathleen Blanco \$500,000 budget cut in the middle of this school year.

Webb said this is the first statemandated midyear budget cut in 10 years, and another cut is likely next year. Such cutbacks, combined with NSU's anticipated drop in

This is the second article in a three- enrollment when the selective admissions standards go into effect next semester, will add to the University's funding problems.

Webb said NSU has had to rely on "contingency money" it set aside for this year, and any money left over will go into the contingency fund for next year.

"The money is allocated as effectively as we know how," Webb said. "We have to treat it as an investment."

Alexis Aichinger, an associate professor of political science, attended Wednesday's meeting but was not satisfied with Webb's

"The report... outlines a system of leadership that is either seriously flawed or perceived as flawed," Aichinger wrote in an e-mail. 'Unless this is addressed, funding will increase and decrease but the underlying problems will remain. I have not seen a serious attempt by the administration to address this issue - as the report states, criticism of this nature is usually seen as a personal attack rather than a concern for the University and stu-

NSU Faculty Senate President Ben Rushing said the University could reduce its financial problems by involving faculty in "a budgeting process that's open and trans-

"Sometimes these organizations that operate on tax money take on a culture that's like, 'Well, it's not real money.' Well it is real money, and it comes from people out in the street that have to dig deep to pay the taxes," Rushing said.

Webb said, "My great hope was

that possibly this (review) would be a third-party source that would say what I've been saying... Northwestern is terribly underfunded.

And that is precisely what it said." Webb also said the administration is collecting information on NSU's scholarship policies to ensure that award money is spent on students who will complete

John Maginnis, a syndicated political columnist and former adjunct NSU journalism professor, said NSU is not the only ULS institution with funding woes.

"All colleges in Louisiana are underfunded compared to Southern Regional

Education Board funding levels because that is what the Legislature deems it can afford," Maginnis wrote in an e-mail. "As far as I know, UL Lafayette and Louisiana Tech, though also ULS schools, are funded higher because they have more doctoral programs."

University of Louisiana System Director of Communications Catherine Heitman said the ULS paid The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems \$49,350 to conduct the review, which examined all aspects of the University. ULS President Sally Clausen presented the NCHEMS board's findings in an open assembly in Magale Recital Hall on Feb. 2.

Part three of this series, which will address student affairs issues at the University, will appear in the March 10 edition of the Current Sauce.

#### **NSU Police Blotter**

2-22-05 8:14 a.m.

A woman from South Hall called because her vehicle was

vandalized.

12:38 p.m. A woman called because she

was concerned about two dogs that were locked in a van outside of the Teacher Education Center building for three

3:27 p.m.

A man called to report a suspicious man looking in the windows of several cars.

2-23-05

6:59 p.m. An employee of Iberville called to report two students possibly about to fight. The dispute turned out to be a disagreement between two football players. No fight took place, and the crowd dispersed.

2-24-05 1:35 p.m.

A man called to report that his vehicle had been stolen.

5:13 p.m.

An officer called to advise the detention center that he was on his way with two men. One had four counts of burglary. The other man had five counts of burglary. The detention center was notified.

9:11 p.m. A man flagged down an offi-cer because he needed to get his belongings back from his

2-25-05

12:50 p.m.

ex-girlfriend.

An officer went to the library to take another statement about thefts in the library.

1:35 p.m.

An officer filed a report on a simple battery case at the Columns involving two residents who hit each other.

1:35 p.m.

A faculty member filed a report about a student who was threatening him.

Campus police were notified of a 911 call made from the Columns.

6:20 p.m.

A resident of the Columns reported a possible fight involving two men.

2-26-05 6:35 a.m.

A woman walking near the farm area was advised to put her dogs on a leash.

1:05 p.m.

An ambulance was called to the baseball field for a player who broke his ankle.

2-28-05

1:09 p.m.

A vehicle was vandalized at the Columns.

5:26 p.m.

Police received an anonymous call about a possible fight between Kappa Sigmas and another party.

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Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce

A new Walgreen's is under construction at 300 Keyser Ave. The store will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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representative said.

Kristin Nelson, a senior general studies major, said she could not believe that Natchitoches is letting a Walgreen's come in. She said she is upset that workers cut down all the trees in the area and bulldozed the houses that were there.

Nelson said that a couple that lived in one of the demolished

homes lived there for 35 years and raised all of their children there. "From what I understand they

pretty much didn't have a choice on whether or not they wanted to leave," Nelson said.

Elizabeth Buatt sophomore biology major at NSU said, "I'm really excited about getting a Walgreen's. I mean it gives us yet another place to shop at and it is something opened 24 hours other than Wal-Mart."

The new Walgreen's is expected to be completed four months from yesterday's groundbreaking cere-

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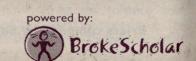
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# Military abuse scandal mirrored at home



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By Jason

Last fall at the Scholars' College Halloween Food Fair, the Most Politically Incorrect Costume Award was given to two students who portrayed a scene of the abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison facility.

I found it very coincidental that the student costumed as Private First Class Lynddie England was actually the same age as the infamous prison guard. It really struck home to think that this person that the media presents as a monster could have been sitting next to me in a class.

I consider all of the Americans involved in the abuse scandal as criminals who deserve prison sentences for violating basic human rights granted by the Third Geneva Accords. They embarrassed the United States in front of the entire world and disgraced soldiers in the armed forces serving our country.

I am filled with patriotic pride that my grandfathers served with distinction in both theaters of World War II as well as the Korean War and requiring hospitalization. I also read a case from

However, Lynddie England is as human as the rest of us and subject to her own life circum-

She is anything but a spoiled little rich girl expecting a cruise for a graduation present. In fact she never had any prospects for attending college after growing up in an Appalachian

She enlisted in the U.S. Army because there would not be any velvet carpet laid out for her. No one was going to employ her because of any special family connections.

I am also concerned about the life that awaits England's infant child, because she is not in any position to hand over a set of car keys as a sweet-sixteen birthday present, much less provide a better life than the one she had.

College students who have never been forced to endure the living hell of war can also misbehave in this unforgivable fashion.

When I was working at the ULS agency this summer I had access to a number of legal files containing law suits against university students for several abuse scandals.

This includes the harrowing hazing rituals of an NSU fraternity that resulted in a student

feel shame that their service was dishonored in another university that was so gruesome the victim could no longer bear to live

The Iraqi people placed their solemn trust in the American people to alleviate the anguish of living in a totalitarian dictatorship. The Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib depended on their overseers to provide security and shelter in the midst of an atrocious war.

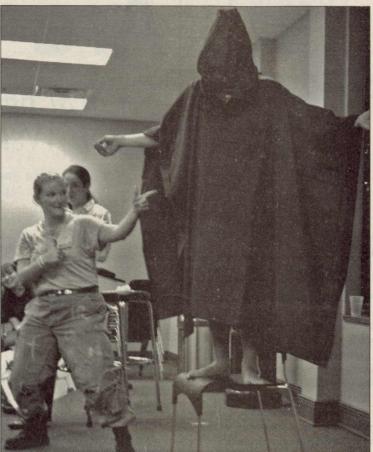
They did not deserve to be mistreated and sexually abused because they were in a subordinate position. Those of us away from the frontlines are not exempt from the Geneva accords.

I am sure there have been many cases where a sincere friend placed their belief and trust in someone who repaid them with humiliating acts of degradation that deprived them of all humanity and self-respect.

Perhaps the two students in costume were trying to raise our awareness that those you depend on may betray you whether you're in Tikrit or Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Keep on rocking in the free world at che.disciple@gmail.com.

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# Reteh

# By Connor Johnson



# The Middle Path

# Prayer in the classroom not effective



By Justin Shatwell

I have little patience for the prayer in school debate. Having worked as an educator in public schools, I have seen first hand the problems facing our youngest generation.

Over the last five years I've tutored kids ranging from the 4th to the 8th grade. In that time I've seen illiteracy, pregnancy, violence, intimidation, disrespect, and more apathy than I care to even think about.

I know the depth of the hole our public schools are stuck in, and the argument that five minutes of guided prayer will somehow solve all of our problems is no less than a slap in my

I'm not trying to challenge anyone's religious beliefs. Many people see prayer and faith as powerful life-shaping tools, and I have personally seen religion turn some people's lives

However, that does not mean that prayer is a golden bullet that will solve all of our problems by itself, nor does it give anyone the right to impede upon the separation of church and

As far as the legal question goes, I believe we

currently have a great compromise. Children lucky to get 15 devoted members a semester. are free to be religious in schools, despite what many claim. They can read their Bibles, preach to one another, pray, and join voluntary reli-

The only restriction is that such activities have to happen on their own time (i.e. before school, during lunch, between classes) and that they cannot be led or endorsed by a faculty

This is a good restriction because in order for a school to function, it must endeavor to avoid making children feel alienated.

Seeing teachers or administrators publicly endorse a particular faith can make children of different faiths or of no faith feel isolated from those people who are supposed to be teaching

Furthermore, it can cause a kind of peer pressure for those children to conform to the majority faith, undermining their parents' right to raise them as they wish.

get anything done in the classroom, the last thing we need is to start religious arguments between students, teachers, and parents.

As it is, we already spend a ridiculous amount of time and energy on this issue. I once attended a public meeting in favor of school prayer in Lake Charles. Several thousand parents attended.

In college, I helped run a volunteer tutoring program that gave attention to remedial students in elementary and middle school. I was

Public schools have more work than they can manage, and they are eager for volunteers.

If my club got half the interest a school prayer meeting receives, it could have provided a tutor to every needy child in Natchitoches. someone who has given their time futilely trying to turn back the tide of mediocrity in our school systems, school prayer activism seems like an ineffectual and unforgivable waste of

School prayer does not teach children to read. School prayer does not make students good at

School prayer does not make parents care, shrink class size, or cure ADD. The goal of our school system is to teach, and only human

I do not attack school prayer because I am not a Christian. I attack school prayer because it

If you want to help our education system, put Religion is a contentious issue. If we are to down your picket sign, free up two hours a week, and walk down to your nearest school.

I will tell you from experience that it is not an easy or enjoyable task. However, real problems deserve real answers, and we should be willing to make that kind of sacrifice for our children.

Justin Shatwell is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His column appears weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

# More news in brief

#### **NSU Jazz to kick off concert series**

Galindo Rodriguez and the NSU Jazz Ensemble will perform Friday at noon on the downtown riverbank to kick off Natchitoches' Brown Bag Lunch Concert series.

"The Brown Bag Lunch Concert series began in 2001 when the Main Street Program decided to seek a way in which to promote local musicians as well as downtown restaurants," said Courtney Hornsby, manager of Natchitoches' Main Street office.

Kappa Kappa Psi, one of NSU's music fraternities, will sell hamburger lunches during the concert for five dollars. Each lunch will include a hamburger, chips, cookie, condiments and drink. All proceeds from lunch sales will go to the Red Cross to aid tsunami victims. Advance lunch orders can be placed through Mark Holt at (318) 663-1176.

The Brown Bag concerts are held on the first friday of March, April, May and June. April's concert will feature Rivers Revue, and will be the unofficial kick-off for the annual Natchitoches Jazz Festival.

Lora Sheppard

#### 'Go For The Green' festival to promote campus housing, meal plans

The University will be sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day festival to promote campus housing and meal plan services with the theme "Go For The Green."

The festival will take place Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in front of the Student Union. Students will be able to sign up for oncampus housing and meal plans for next year.

Aramark will be providing free food, and KWND will be doing a live remote broadcast.

There will be informational booths from Residential Life, the University Columns, Aramark, Financial Aid, One Card, the NSU Bookstore, Student Activities, Counseling and Career Services, Health Services, the new residence hall, which will be completed for next year, and the Wellness Recreation and Activities Center, which will finish being renovated in May.

Each continuing student who renews or signs up for any on-campus housing option and its corresponding meal plan will be entered to win one of several prizes including a \$400 Wal-Mart gift card, a 27-inch television, a 25-inch television, a PlayStation 2, a \$100 declining balance on an Aramark meal plan and a \$50 bookstore gift certificate.

**Elaine Broussard** 

#### Student wins award for catapult

Nathan Wilson, a sophomore physics major from Folsom, was chosen out of 18 applicants as this year's Marsh White Award winner by the Society of Physics Students.

Wilson submitted a proposal that called for the construction of a trebuchet, a medieval war engine. The trebuchet construction will run through the spring semester, and the completed product will be used as a demonstration for outreach activities to gain interest among high school students currently taking physics.

It will later be used as a demonstration of physical principles for stu-

dents in elementary and middle schools in the surrounding areas.

SPS is an organization of the American Institute of Physics. Past proposals submitted by NSU students have included ways to enhance the telescope, update computer resources and update physics laboratories.

Savanna Mahaffey

#### Study center now open in Rapides

On Tuesday, University College's Learning Center will begin providing free tutoring to all NSU students in the Rapides Hall lobby in most English, mathematics and science core subjects from 7-10 p.m.

Tutoring will be Monday through Wednesday by trained tutors. All majors, residency statuses and classifications are encouraged to utilize the facilities at night or visit the Learning Center in 237 Kyser Hall during the day. For more information, contact Jeremy Thomas at 357-

Lora Sheppard

#### New York flutist to play at Magale

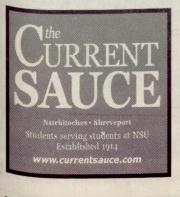
Flutist Renee Siebert of the New York Philharmonic will present a guest recital at NSU on March 13. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 3 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

The program will include "Sonata #4 in F Major" and "Sonata in E Minor" by Mozart, "Romance in F Minor, Op. 11 by Dvorak, "9 Walks Down 7th Avenue" by Dorff, "Sonata" by Reynolds and "Sonata" by Hindemith. Gary Hammond will accompany Siebert on piano.

A member of the New York Philharmonic since 1974, Siebert has appeared three times as concerto soloist with the Philharmonic and collaborated with many eminent artists. She has appeared with Music from Marlboro, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Chamber Music at the Y and Barge Music. She has recorded the complete flute works of Mozart and presented the world premiere of Judith Shatin's Flute Concerto, later recording the work.

Siebert has given master classes and performed recitals at various universities, including NSU, in the United States, Germany and Japan. Last season, she performed Shatin's Flute Concerto in San Francisco with the Women's Philharmonic and chamber music concerts at the

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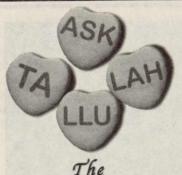
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Delightful Art of Miscommunication Suspend disbelief for moment, if

you will, and contemplate the situa-Girl says: Can I borrow a pencil?

Girl thinks: Gee, I really need a pencil. I hope he has one. Boy hears: Out of thirty guys in

the class, I asked you to give me a

(Handing girl an overly chewed and disturbed looking pencil.) Boy says: Here is a pencil.

Boy thinks: ...and my number. Girl hears: Here is a pencil. And by the way, I am a huge freak with a pencil fetish. (Girl tries to politely hide her gag reflex at the sight of the masticated writing utensil.)

Boy thinks: Oh yeah, she wants me. Next class I am definitely getting the digits.

Girl thinks: Note to self - never sit by freakish pencil boy again.

(Both smile sweetly at each other.) Obviously, these two are walking away from this interaction with two very different ideas over what just occurred. Miscommunication can occur for three reasons: denseness, politeness, and simply because people hear what they want to hear. If the other participant in your conversation is dense, there is no hope. Just end the conversation, and walk quickly away, before anyone gets hurt. You can bet that a dense person will never fully comprehend what you mean even if you say it really slowly.

However, if you are just trying to be polite, the delightful art of miscommunication will work well for you. It is not always necessary to get exactly what you are thinking across to another person. In this instance, when you are trying to spare a person's feelings, miscommunication added in with a little misdirection can even spice things up a bit. For instance, "Do I look fat in this dress?" Response: "Oh, why look over there! It's pigs in a blanket...mmmm,mmmm. I'll be right back." Ahhhh, miscommunication and misdirection all rolled into one. It boggles the mind, and refreshes the sense, doesn't it?

(On a side note, the correct response to the above question is always 'No' if you are of the opposite sex from the person asking. However, if you just cannot tell such a dirty lie, the above answer runs a close second. Although you may want to avoid the pig in a blanket bit altogether, and pick a food with far less obvious implications.)

So the final reason that miscommunication occurs is the simple truth that people will forever hear whatever it is that they want to hear. This usually starts to occur when you are far into your relationship, which brings me around to this week's point. Try to avoid miscommunication in the beginning of the relationship though that the following does not occur:

Girl says: Where is the remote? Can you get it for me?

his lazy butt and do something for me for just once? Boy hears: Blah, blah, blah,

Girl thinks: Why can't he get off

blah...remote.

Boy says: Sure, baby, anything for you. (Rolling eyes ever so slight-

Boy thinks: Oh, I got your remote right here, you nag.

Girl hears: I'm only doing this because finding another girlfriend would be too much work.

At this point, there has been a serious breakdown in communication between these two people. Unfortunately, miscommunication is not always harmless, ridiculous fun with other people. Certain people can completely misinterpret what you say either because you are not saying what you really mean or are not fully completing your thoughts in a logical fashion. This can end relationships and friendships in an instant. Good communication skills are very important and should be well established before fully committing to a relationship. If miscommunication is not dealt with early on in a relationship than you will end up with much bigger problems in the relationship.

~Tallulah

# Are you not 'Entertained?'

# Local band jazzes it up on Wednesday nights

Sauce Reporter

A mutual love for music brought Marcus Barber, Lance Brightwell, Gregg Griffin, Jarrett Bailey, Ronnie Ivy, Sherman Deselle and John Chappell together to form the band, The Entertainers.

With a mixture of jazz, rhythm and blues, soul, rock and alternative, The Entertainers have something for everyone.

They play music from a variety of bands and musicians including Cake, Otis Redding, James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gay and Outkast.

The idea for the band originated when Barber, a senior CIS/Business Administration major, and Bailey, a Louisiana Tech graduate, were introduced by a mutual acquaintance. Bailey expressed interest in creating a band.

A year later Barber, the bands saxophone player, and Chappell, trumpet player, approached Bailey to play guitar. They wanted to start a group that was more diverse and on a higher level musically from other local bands.

"Jarrett's been a really big help because he understands the style,

by Candice Pauley he's done this before," Barber says. Bailey, who has played guitar for

nine years, says, "I wanted to be in the band because I didn't have another place to play." He added, " This band is different from anything else that is in Natchitoches or the surrounding area."

The band was still missing a few key elements. That is when Barber asked Griffin to play bass for them.

"The first name on my list was Gregg because Gregg is a hard worker and he's really enthused about [music]," Barber says.

Griffin was eager to join the band because, "Playing rock stuff as far as bass goes is pretty boring and it's pretty easy and I definitely wanted a challenge and to learn a new style to diversify," he says.

Next to join the band were Brightwell on keyboard, Ivy on drums and Deselle on lead vocals.

Barber says he chose Deselle because, "Sherman's really good. He sang with the jazz band last year, and so I was just shocked. He sings stylistically correct, he knows how to get the crowd going. He's got the perfect voice for what we

Brightwell, a senior percussion major, plays keyboard as a hobby.



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Saxophone player John Chapelle along with the rest of The Entertainers performed Pub on February 16. The band usually performs at the Ole Fort Pub located at the Ramada Inn on the Highway-1 bypass

"I [joined] the band so I could get better at [playing the keyboard]," Brightwell says. "I wanted to be more versatile and more knowledgeable and hopefully that will help me."

Ivy, a music education and percussion major, was not the first drummer with the band. However, after his inclusion the band was complete.

"I wanted to be in the band because there is nothing like this really in Natchitoches we figured we could start something to provoke some interest in people," Ivy thing is in question, Marcus is the charge is \$2.

The band being complete, they started setting up engagements and making a name for themselves.

"As far as a band, I think we pretty much got the glue that we need to be successful," Barber says.

Many of the band members look to Barber for leadership and inspi-

"Marcus Barber is the man," Bailey says. "Marcus takes care of all of the business, Marcus takes care of the gigs, he motivates us when criticisms need to be made or somego-to guy."

The diversity of the group only seems to add to their chemistry.

"It's great; it's fun; we have a good time; we kid on each other. It's what a band should be," Bailey dents free

Also look for them at the Natchi- Anthony toches Jazz and R&B Festival on writing ce April 2, 2005.

The Entertainers play every s as the Wednesday night at 9:30 at the Ole Kyser Hall Fort Pub in the Ramada Inn on the Highway-1 bypass. The cover ional inst

# Poli-sci professor keeps class 'hot'

Sauce Reporter

"How many of you have an STD and don't know it?'

Sound like a normal subject for discussion in political science? It is if you are in one of William Hoston's classes. With the question asked, stu-

dents looking around the room were curious to see what the others would do or say. As the class laughed nervously, Hoston asked the question again.

hands. With this, he told the students he wanted them to be aware of people's fear of knowing the truth and how it affected society. The class topic for the day was

vetoes and how the system of vetoes works. Hoston, assistant professor of

political science, is known for using contemporary "hot topics" in his class to help students to understand and be interested in political science.

Some of his topics include the war in Iraq, AIDS, gun legislation

By Cheryl Thompson in Louisiana, segregation in active," Hoston says. "Students are AS

Sauce Reporter schools and rap music

One class discussion was about government restrictions on free speech. Using the the rap group 2 Live Crew as an example for discussion, Hoston highlighted some of the group's music and the controversy behind it. He even sang parts of the songs to jog students' memories and caused a few

Hoston says he has tried to treat students as equals and show them that he cares. He feels his students Traci Watson say that they pay he Nursin are like his little brothers and sisters. He talks to students before class while he writes the notes for the day's lecture on the board.

"I'm a young professor so therefore I'm not very far removed from my students, I feel like I can relate to them," Hoston says.

Hoston asks students for their opinions on different subjects and wants the student to give a valid reason for their opinion. During his class, he tries to give everyone that raises their hands a chance to speak out in class discussions.

"My teaching style is very inter-

getting to a point where it's hard to keep their attention for 50 minutes in a traditional lecture, so if you involve them in the discussion then that will keep them more interested.'

Brandon Junior. described Hoston as being "very open" with his students in class. The Students Sophomore Kristin Terou says, sponsor

opinion than his." Seniors Harmony Williams and Monday fr

more attention in Hoston's class hreveport than in some of their other classes. Debbie "He demands your attention," lent servi-

Williams says. Social Sciences Program Director "This wi

Greg Granger wrote in an e-mail and Tech s that Hoston is "a dynamic academ" meet w ic with a great future ahead as both hese instit a teacher and scholar."

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# College Cuisine: Gourmet food is right at your fingertips

By Jill Skaggs Sauce Reporter

Cheryl Thompson/ the Current Sauce

Refined taste buds and exquisite food no longer have to belong to the rich and famous or even those who live off campus. Students can experiment with alternatives to the ordinary Ramen noodles or canned pasta that so many prepare

William Hoston spoke to his class about "Brown vs. the Board of Education" in a discussion about the issues of segregation in the U.S. during the 1960s.

"It's frustrating to not be able to make anything other than canned foods," Katherine Porto, a freshman elementary edu-

There are other foods available to transform the ordinary into unique dinners and snack solutions. Russ Couch, a freshman music education major, says all he

can cook is "simple stuff, canned food, ravioli or soup." While Couch's meal choices seem adequate, other alternatives are more appetizing. All that is needed for these delectable substitute recipes is a microwave and a few other sup-

Thelma Pressman's cookbook, 365 Quick and Easy Microwave Recipes, offers easy-to-make dinners and snacks. Here are some of sure-to-please collegiate cuisines.



Chris Reich/the CURRENT SAUCE Mexican Quesadillas are an easy-to-make and tasty dorm treat.

### Mexican Quesadillas

 one 7 oz. can whole green chilies, drained · four 8-inch flour tortillas

 one cup of shredded Monterey Jack or Ched-Cheese.

Optional: canned chicken

Directions:

First, split the whole chilies along one side and open up (discard stems and seeds). Place one chili on each tortilla and top with one of the cheeses. Roll up and secure tortillas with toothpick and repeat until four are made. Next, place on a microwave safe plate and cover with paper towel. Cook on HIGH for two to three minutes or until cheese melts and quesadillas are warm. If you would like to make the snack into a meal you may want to add some canned chicken inside with the chilies and cheese and then cook them to have more of an

#### Savory Chicken Breasts

Ingredients:

Two boneless chicken breast halves

one cup sliced onion •two tablespoons soy sauce

•two tablespoons lemon juice •two teaspoons minced fresh ginger

one minced garlic clove

•1 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

Place the chicken in a small shallow microwavable baking dish. Scatter onion over chicken. Combine all remaining ingredients and pour over chicken. Cover with wax paper and cook on HIGH for five to seven minutes.

## Chocolate-Covered Strawberries

•One-pound semisweet or white chocolate •15 large washed strawberries

Fill a large mixing bowl or a four-cup glass-measuring cup with chocolate. Cook in microwave on MEDIUM for two to three mit utes. Next, take one strawberry at a time (holding by the stem or a toothpick) and dip it into the melted chocolate to coat about two thirds of the berry. Last, place the coated berries on waxed paper, lo them set and then refrigerate after 10 minutes.

These and many other recipes can be found in microwave cookbooks, the Internet and through friends. Just remember a few things when it comes to cooking: make the meal you own, add spices or other foods into the main dish; do not be afraid of changing the status-quo and most of all enjoy cook ing. The more care that is put into a dish, the more savory will be.



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# **NSU** to increase bandwidth on campus

By Savanna Mahaffey for service. Sauce Reporter

After re-wiring six new buildings for telecommunications systems to allow faster Internet access, NSU is finding itself in a bandwidth

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"Right now, we only have a six Mbps Internet connection. We have more demand than supply," said Tracy Brown, Director of Technical Services. "Over Easter break, we're upgrading our Internet connection to 15 Mbps.

Brown explained that a DSL line for a home computer would usually have 1.5 Mbps Internet connecfion. There are approximately 3,000

Because of this reason, residents of Boozman Hall, which was recently wired for Ethernet connection, have had limited usage of the University's bandwidth. This is in order to provide an ample amount of bandwidth to the University's other users who use email and Blackboard. Varnado Hall has also been wired for the Ethernet connection, but the University is waiting for more bandwidth before making it accessible

Brown said the upgrade should provide relief for everyone after

"The University is overdue for computers on campus competing an upgrade. Bandwidth is usually

upgraded every 18 months, and NSU has not upgraded it for three years," Brown said. "We have just been able to secure the funding."

The University has also been working to install a wireless network in the Student Union and Kyser Hall. The job will be completed once the remaining hard-

The wireless network will provide Internet access to those with portable computers.

NSU Technical Services and the SGA are laying the groundwork for getting a separate Internet connection for all tech-fee related projects such as dorms, labs and dialup. However, Brown said nothing is concrete yet.

# New study, resource center opens in Watson

A new writing center and resource center is available to stue," Bailey lents free of charge in Watson Library this semester.

e Natchi- Anthony Atkins, director of the stival on writing center, said the outpost in he library offers the same servicy every as as the main writing center in t the Ole Kyser Hall.

The writing center offers tutornn on the no on the ing to students who need additional instruction in punctuation, rganization and grammar. It also offers help with citations, plagia-

By Elizabeth Bolt rism and basic technological Sauce Reporter instruction in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

Atkins said one misconception about workers in the writing center is that they proofread papers.

Atkins said he would like to see the library outpost used more. He said that it was a little slow at the beginning of the semester, but it is starting to pick up because more people know it's there.

The writing center is located in the back corner of the reference room on the first floor. A student worker is there Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to

"We try to teach students the important facets of writing so they don't have to come back," Atkins

The resource center is located in the computer lab of the library and is open the same hours as the

Jennifer Long, student technology coordinator, said the resource center offers copying of school related materials, binding, laminating and other services to students. There is also a paper cutter and educational supplies to assist students in methods classes.

# Association offers job fair for nursing students m more

By Shannon Harper Sauce Reporter

class. The Student Nurses Association. ou says, sponsoring a Career Fair for all out your unior and senior Nursing and Radiologic Technology students on ams and Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at hey pay the Nursing Education Center in

n's class hreveport. r classes. Debbie Moore, director of stutention," lent services, said over 40 areawide hospitals have been invited. Director "This will give our Nursing and in e-mail Rad Tech students the opportunity

academ meet with representatives from d as both hese institutions to discuss future mployment," she said.

Many students are glad they will face great difficulties in hiring adebe given a chance to meet with potential employers before they graduate. Jacy Flournoy, junior radiologic technology major, said

"This will be a good time for students to find out how many differ- said. "This is a chance for students ent jobs there are out there for them to discuss important factors like when they graduate. The Career average pay rates and the amount Fair will be a way to show students of hours worked." that there are many jobs available here in our local area.

According to the Louisiana Department of Labor's Web site, the Shreveport-Bossier area currently has about 118 jobs available for licensed practical and vocational nurses, and many employers 677-3100.

quate employees.

"I think students should attend the Career Fair so they can decide if these are the types of jobs they would be interested in," Flournoy

The 2004-2005 Occupational Outlook Handbook lists registered nursing as the largest healthcare occupation.

Any questions concerning the Career Fair can be directed to the Student Nurses Association at 318-

Conathy said. It will not affect ose who are currently enrolled at

Even non-qualifying students an escape selective admission only they plan to enroll in a 2005 sumher class. But if not, they must go Trough BPCC, McConathy said. To determine if students qualify or admission or not, they will first pply for admission at NSU,

page 6 anning to begin the fall semester, McConathy said. If they lack in any of the determinants, they would be denied and then would be referred

> There would not be any additional application, she said.

Registrar Lillie Bell said so far, no applicant has been referred to BPCC.

McConathy said BPCC will offer 10 courses in the fall, including College Algebra, American History

and First Aid.

She said it would take average students two semesters to get through BPCC before progressing to NSU. After completing their classes with BPCC, students would just have to transfer.

McConathy's office, newly painted in BPCC's colors, maroon and gold, is on the first floor of Kyser

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ick up applications in the Department of Journalism office, Room 103 Kyser Hall, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed Opplications must be returned to Room 103 by April 1 at 4 p.m. otential applicants should check the 2005-2006 Student Handbook for qualifications before submitting an application Call Paula Furr at 357-5213 with any questions.

# SAB announces spring events

Sauce Reporter

If anyone is interested in modeling, poker, video games, movie trivia or outdoor games, the Student Activities Board has several upcoming events to choose from.

Kelly Manuel, a graduate assistant who works with SAB, said SAB will host a model search today at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby. Manuel said SAB representatives are looking for eight female models and four male models for their spring fashion show, which will be at 7 p.m. on March 30 in the Student Union Ballroom. The fashion show is sponsored by the SAB's Coffee House Committee.

On Monday beginning at 5 p.m., there will be a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night in the University Columns Clubhouse, Manuel said. The event is mainly for Columns and Rapides residents, but any students who are interested in participating can sign up.

Thorn LaCaze, SAB parliamentarian, said there is a sign-up sheet outside the SAB office, Room 232 of the Student Union. Manuel said up to 30 students will be able to

The four players with the most poker chips at the end of the tournament will win Speed Demon

By Jamie Webb Cards, Manuel said. The firstplace winner will receive a card good for \$50, and the second, third and fourth place winners will each receive cards good for \$25 each.

Mia Guillory, secretary-treasurer of SAB, said there will be a Halo 2 tournament and a Scene-It tournament on Tuesday in the Boozman Hall Lobby. Both events will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be open to all NSU students. Free food will be

Scene-It is "an interactive DVD game about movies," Manuel said. Halo 2 is a multi-player, first person shooter game that can be played on Microsoft's Xbox game systems. There will be \$75 Speed Demon card prizes for the winner of each tournament.

On Wednesday, SAB representatives-at-large will be hosting an event called Battle of the Sexes outside of Iberville Hall from noon until 3 p.m. There will be free food and inflatable games for the participants. The events will include a Velcro wall and a 70-foot obstacle

The first students to complete each of the activities and get their cards stamped will win T-shirts. LaCaze said there are about 60 shirts available.

All SAB-sponsored events are already paid for through student

### HOSTON FROM PAGE 5

He says one of the appeals of NSU was that he could work on his dissertation in Natchitoches.

"I knew I needed to be in the area to conduct my research," he

Hoston says that it will be hard to leave the students but he wants to finish his PhD. He believes that there are campus issues that need to be addressed and that a more conducive environment for minority students should be creat-

Some of the ways this can be done are better minority faculty and student retention, unison between minority faculty and students and more African-American classes Hoston says.

"I had to fight to get this African-American politics class," Hoston says.

He says that when he leaves, the class will still be offered but there may not be a professor to teach it.



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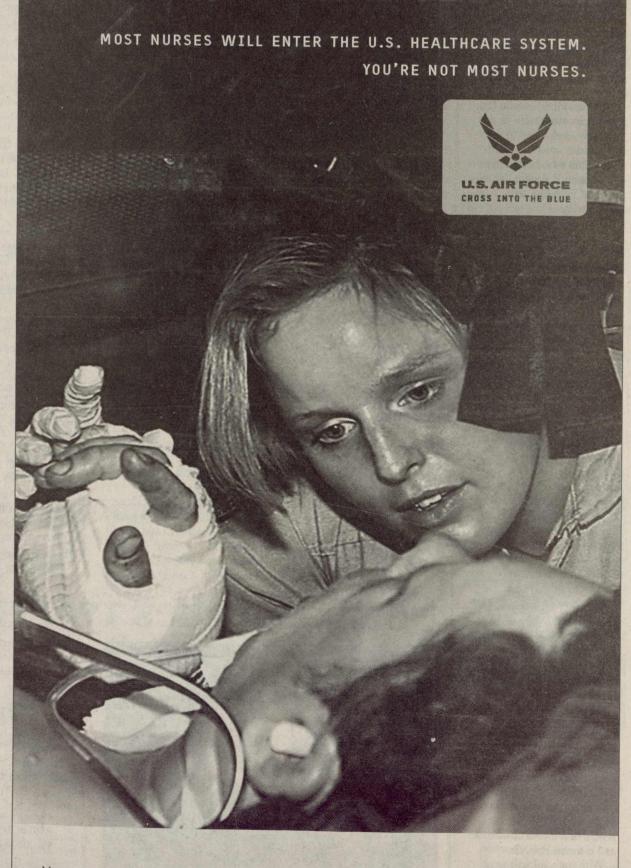
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Justin Hebert The Full Count

#### March **Madness**

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Extending their winning streak to six games during the NSU Demon Baseball Classic at Brown-Stroud Field, the Demons were tournament champs going 4-0 for the weekend, defeating Kansas State, Northern Iowa, and Eastern Michigan twice.

The Demon bats exploded, finishing the tournament with a .319 batting average while hitting six home runs and 24 RBIs. Blake Iones had three home runs on the weekend while Hunter Thoms, Marty Dewees and Michael Flowers each hit one homer.

They also got very good outings on the mound from Derek Cloeren, Rusty Jones, Daniel Lonsberry and Kyle Broughton.

Broughton is 3-0 and hasn't given up a run this season pitching 13 and 2/3 innings. Cloeren is 2-0 with a 1.56 earned run average through 17 1/3 innings, the last 14 1/3 of which he has not allowed a run.

The softball team also saw success this weekend in it's first home action of the season winning two out of three against Southland opponent Stephen F. Austin.

The Demons totaled 25 hits on Saturday, three of which were home runs, two by Shay Hunt and one by Nicole Martin. They also had good pitching performances from Loni Rasberry, Amanda Glenn and Michelle Castellano, who pitched a two hitter in Saturday's second game while going four for four at the plate with three RBIs.

But considering it's so late in the basketball season the most important wins of the may have belonged to the men and women's basketball teams who both defeated Stephen F. Austin Saturday and Sam Houston Wednesday.

The men's team are now tied for first in the SLC with their win over SHSU and Southeastern's loss to McNeese Wednesday. The Demons will win a piece of their first regular season crown in 30 years with a win over McNeese Friday.

They are guaranteed home court advantage in the first round of the SLC tournament 7 p.m. Tuesday, and still have a chance to win home court advantage throughout the entire tournament.

The Lady Demons are currently tied with Texas State with one game left, just a game back from conference leaders Louisiana-Monroe and Texas-Arling-

The Lady Demons have also clinched a first round home game in the SLC tournament which will be held Monday at 7 p.m.

Both tournaments fall under the same structures. Eight teams from the conference will make the tournament. The top four seeds will host the opening round games against the bottom four on Tuesday. The two highest remaining seeds will host the semifinal round 7 p.m. Thursday. The championship game will be played at the highest remaining seed's home court March 13 at 1 p.m. on ESPN2.

With luck, all will work out in the next week and we will be able to watch our Demons and Lady Demons as they compete and win the SLC tournament to earn a bid in the 2005 NCAA Tour-



Chris Reich/the CURRENT SAU of burgl Demons await their teammate, catcher Marty Dewees (12), following his grand slam in the sixth inning of NSU's 10-3 victory over the University of Northern Iowa Saturday. The Demons were 4-0 in their tournament More t

# Tournament Champs

Sauce Reporter

The NSU baseball team finally found its offense this weekend as it swept all four games of the NSÛ baseball classic to run their winning streak to six straight games and claim the championship.

The Demons combined to hit .319 with six home runs and 24 RBIs in the round robin style tournament.

"We finally got our bats going this weekend" head coach Mitch Gaspard said. "I've felt all along that we're a good offensive club, but have just been struggling early on." NSU 2-KSU 0

The Demons first game of

By Adam Hymel Dererk Cloeren toss seven many days. shutout innings to earn the

Hunter Thoms broke a

scoreless tie in the bottom of the fifth with his first home run of the season to put the Demons up for good 1-0. Blake Jones later added the

first home run of his career to make the game 2-0.

Cloeren, now 2-0 on the season, struck out seven and walked two. Jones came in and threw two scoreless innings to earn his third save of the season.

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NSU continued its early season offensive surge as they pounded out a season high 15 hits and hit two home runs the tournament saw freshman for the second time in as

The pitching for the Demons continued to dominate as starter Daniel Lonsberry tossed six shutout the day. innings to improve his record to 1-1 for the year.

The Demons went up early when Blake Jones hit his second home run of the tournament, to put the Demons up 2-0. NSU added to the lead in the fifth when Brandon Morgan singled to lead off the inning then moved to third on a single by Hunter Thoms.

Morgan scored on an RBI sacrifice fly from catcher Marty Dewees and Thoms later scored on a double from Mike Jaworski.

NSU put the game out of reach with a five run sixth Johnston earned his first win in as many days followed by

inning that saw Marty of the season in game one Dewees pick up his first home run of the season, a grand slam to collect his fifth RBI of

Philip Miller brought in Chris Salim in the bottom of the inning to finish the Demon scoring for the day.

Blake Jones went two for five with three RBIs and one run scored and Hunter Thoms went three for four with two runs scored.

NSU 6 EMU 2/ NSU 7 EMU 4

The Demons continued to dominate as they swept Eastern Michigan Sunday to win their fifth and sixth straight

Senior right-hander Shawn

when he relieved starter Cory Keener. Johnston threw five scoreless innings allowing only four hits. EMU took an early lead off

a solo home run by shortstop Jeff Hehr. NSU jumped ahead in the bottom of the first with a single from Bobby Barbier followed by a double by Hunter Thoms.

Both teams scored in the second inning and the Demons put things away with a run in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Michael Palermo went two for two with two RBIs and Scott Pittenger went two for two with an RBI.

Blake Jones third home run against Grambling at 1p.m.

Michael Flower's three run Brian W home run led the Demons to and Jeff 7-4 win in the final game of students the NSU classic.

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NSU improved its record to 9-4 with the win.

glary an Kyle Broughton (3-0) got simple b the win in relief giving up no simple b runs on three hits while strik-Police I ing out nine.

Broughton relieved starter Dwayne Hall who threw 2 2/3 innings giving up three runs on four hits.

Flower finished the game is still ur two for three with three RBIs and two runs scored while arrests. Jones finished with and RBI and one run scored.

The Demons will return home with a doubleheader

# Lady Demons win big games late in season

Sauce Reporter

The NSU Lady Demons pulled through in the closing seconds to chalk up a 72-71 win when they took on the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks at Prather Coliseum.

The first quarter ended with a three pointer from SFA's Jennifer Simpson to tie the score at 31 and foreshadow the game's exciting end-

"We started off good, but had droughts and we can't have those droughts with the tournament coming up," NSU Lady Demon guard Diamond Cosby said.

Cosby led the Lady Demons in scoring, with 21 points. NSU's Sheronda Bell and Amanda Bennett each scored an impressive 15 points to assist the team in their last-second win over SFA. Bennett also led the team in rebounds with 15

Leading most of the second

By Adam Zelasko period, the Lady Demons 15-10 overall. took their biggest advantage going up by 12 points on a Chassidy Jones lay-up with just over three minutes remaining. But the Ladyjacks fought back and tied the game with a three pointer with only 55 seconds left.

A foul by Lady Demon Amanda Bennett with 16 seconds placed SFA's Kirby Killingsworth at the foul line. Killingsworth made the first of the two free throws.

Chassidy Jones snagged the rebound and passed it to Bell who took it the length of the court but missed a lay-up.

Demon center Ashley Sparkman got the offensive board and quickly put it back up to sink the game-winner.

"The kids played tough through the game; they really bowed up at the end," said Jennifer Graf, Lady Demon head coach. "It came down to the end, but a win is a win."

The NSU women's basketball team stands at 10-4 in the Southland Conference and

**NSU 77 SHSU 53** 

It was all NSU Wednesday night as the Lady Demons basketball team defeated Sam Houston 77-53 in Prather Col-

With seven and a half minutes left in the first half NSU point guard Sheronda Bell nailed her second three pointer to put the Lady Demons up 32-5 and they never looked back. NSU went into halftime holding a 46-25 lead.

In the second half SHSU could only get as close as 19 points as the Lady Demons clinched a opening round Southland Conference Tournament game with their 24

point win. Bell led NSU with a career high 26 points while dishing out eight assists and getting seven rebounds.

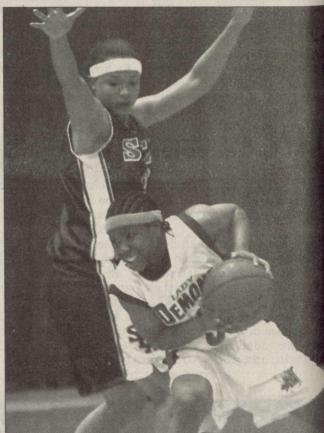
"Winning this game we at least get one home game in the tournament and that will help us out a lot," Bell said. Sophomore Chassidy Jones finished with 18 points and senior Amanda Bennett had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior center Ashlev Sparkman, holder of NSU's singlegame, single-season and career blocked shots record, picked up six blocks and 14 rebounds in the game.

Ranked No. 3 in the nation, Sparkman is just two more blocks away from breaking her regular season blocks record she set last season with

The Lady Demons will face McNeese State Friday at 5:45 p.m. in Prather for their last regular season contest. They will then host their first round game of the SLC tournament Monday at 7 p.m.

"We've just really found our groove, "Graf said. "Top to bottom these kids have been great and they've really worked hard all season. This is what you play for, to get into March and see how good you can be. I think this group is focused on winning a conference tournament."



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Saus NSU junior point guard Sheronda Bell tries to drive past SFA defende Alex Bowman in the Demon's last second win over the Ladyjack

# Softball takes two in home opener against SFA



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE Demon pitcher Amanda Glenn (9) and catcher Kelly Corliss talk things over in between innings during NSU's 5-2 victory over SFA Saturday. Sauce Reporter

The NSU softball team home opener could not have gone any better for the Lady Demons (10-10 overall, 2-1 in the SLC).

The opener was a double header at home against the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks (4-8, 1-2) Saturday, with the third game of the series on Sunday. The girls from SFA left their softball game in Texas as the Lady Demons swept the Saturday games 5-2 and 9-1.

"These girls put all their practice to the test Saturday and we all saw what the result was," head coach Mike Perniciaro said. "Our defense

By Matt Miller was flawless and our hitting was much improved. This was an excellent start to our upcoming season."

The Demons showed that they could play both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. NSU third baseman Shay Hunt came up huge for the Demons by hitting two home runs in Saturday's doubleheader. Hunt is not the only Demon who deserves recognition; the defensive game they played was hard to match.

Sophomore pitcher and first baseman, Amanda Glenn also played two remarkable games Saturday getting three hits on the day and pitched her third save of the season.

'We finally showed what we could do if we played as a team, all of us did our job on the field and at the plate and now we have the motivation to carry us through this season," Glenn said.

SFA 8-NSU 4

The Ladyjacks salvaged one game out of the weekend series defeating the Demons 8-4 Sunday

SFA's Lee Lara hit a tworun home run in the top of the third inning to pull away from a 2-2 tie and put them up for good. The Demons had jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first on Amanda Glenn's RBI single and by taking advantage of an SFA

The Ladyjacks knotted the

game up at 2-2 with a two ru single in the second inning After Lara's home run, St added two more in the sixth

Hunt, Margaret Patterson and Amanda Perdue ead had two of the Demons nin hits in the contest. Hunt second hit was a two-ru

homer in the seventh inning The Demons were suf posed to continue home pla with a doubleheader again Louisiana-Lafayette Wedne day, but that game has beel

postponed due to rain. They will return to action the Arkansas Invitational th weekend in Fayettevill where they will face Razorbacks of Arkansas at Mississippi Valley State.

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# Ladies' last It's alive!

Seniors wave goodbye at last basketball game of season.

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Faculty art pieces "rumble, speak and cough." Life, page 5



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### Sauce on the Side

#### NSU students arrested for theft

Three NSU students have been charged with a series of burglaries on campus.

More than \$45,000 in stolen university property has been recovered and Det. Doug Prescott said that some items have not yet been recovered.

"(We) have been almost on a daily basis picking things up that we find out about," Prescott wrote in an

The suspects that have been arrested in this case are Brian Waterwall of Slidell, Jacob Veillon of Morgan City, and Jeff Lake of Campti. Waterwall and Veillon are NSU students and Lake is a former NSU student.

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Lake was charged with seven counts of simple burglary and Waterwall was charged with five counts of (3-0) got simple burglary. Veillon was charged with one count of ving up no simple burglary.

> Police have recovered laptop computers, projectors, palm pilots, digital cameras, zip drives and other items.

The three men are being held in the Natchitoches g up three Parish Detention Center awaiting a bond hearing.

Police have not commented further because the case three RBIs is still under investigation. Police expect additional ored while arrests.

**Cheryl Thompson** 

#### Committee schedules Suicide at 1p.m. Awareness Week activities

The Mission: Demon Safety committee is planning a week of activities to help students become more aware of issues surrounding suicides and suicide prevention.

Suicide Awareness Week will take place March 28 -31 with activities scheduled for each day.

"Suicide has become the unspoken S-word. It's not sex anymore," said Leah Lentz, an NSU counselor and coordinator of the program. "We are trying to help students learn that it is OK to ask for help."

Matthew Allard, a graduate assistant for the Counselng and Career Center who is also helping to coordinate the events, said that students from many organizations on campus will be participating.

Students interested in helping with any of the events are encouraged to contact Allard at mallard001@student.nsula.edu or at 357-5621.

**Elaine Broussard** 

#### Boogeyman screenwriters come to NSU to conduct workshop

The Louisiana Scholars' College will conduct a screen-Writing workshop featuring Boogeyman writers Juliet Snowden and Stiles White Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Morri-

Snowden and White sold their first screenplay, entiled The Waiting, to Wes Craven. Alex Proyas, who has irected films such as The Crow, Dark City and I, obot, will direct the couple's next film, a supernatural thfiller called Knowing.

For more information, contact Fraser Snowden at the CURRENT SAU Scholars' College at 357-4587.

### ATTENTION:

Next week the Current Sauce will not

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# Demons advance in SLC championship tournament

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

Demon guard Jermaine Wallace exploded Tuesday night in Prather Coliseum scoring 26 points making eight of 16 shots as top-seeded NSU got one step closer to a Southland Conference tournament championship.

The regular-season SLC champs defeated the Texas-Arlington Mavericks 81-67 in the first round of the O'Reilly Auto Parts SLC Men's Tournament and will advance to host the Lamar Cardinals Thursday night in one of the tournament's semifinal games.

Lamar defeated Texas-San Antonio 91-83 in their opening round tournament match

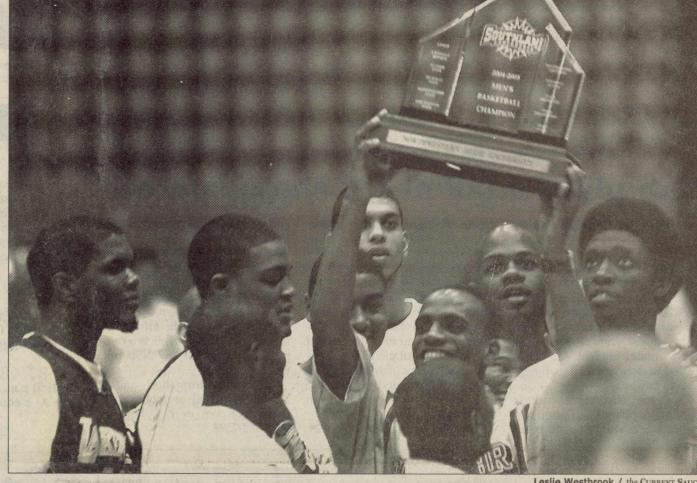
The winner of the semifinal game will then play Sunday at 1 p.m. in the championship game aired live on ESPN2. The winner will not only be SLC Tournament champs but also guaranteed an invite to the NCAA Tour-

If the Demons defeat the Cardinals tonight, they will host the championship game and NSU will be in the national spotlight Sunday.

But as NSU Demon head coach Mike McConathy said following Tuesday night's win, "We're playing a onegame season.

"We just have to come and be prepared to do what McConathy said.

"We always think the next game is the biggest," Wallace said, exemplifying how all members of McConathy's team believe in him and his when they defeated the



Tyronn Mitchell and other members of the Demon basketball team display their Southland Conference trophy during halftime of the Lady Demons' game Monday night.

philosophies.

The Demons' game only the biggest of the year because it means they move on or their season is over, but the Cardinals are also the only team to defeat NSU in Prather this season.

Lamar was the last team to beat NSU before they started their current win streak

Demons 89-84 Feb. 3.

tonight against Lamar is not themselves less than two Mitchell had 11 points and a freshman forward Larry weeks later when they defeated the Cardinals 90-83 in Beaumont, Texas for the first time in 31 years.

NSU won its ninth straight game, while never trailing the Mavericks and not allowing them within six points in

the whole second half. Wallace led four Demons

game-high five steals, while center Byron Allen and forward Clifton Lee each added

10 points for NSU. "Jermaine is the person that can shoot it. That's just the type of player he is," Lee said of his teammate's 26point performance.

The Mavericks got 16

who scored in double fig- points each from junior But the Demons redeemed ures. Point guard Tyronn guard Jarrett Howell and Posey in their season-ending

> "I think they're doing what they've got to do,' UTA head coach Eddie McCarter said of NSU after the loss. "I think the conference is as good as it's ever been. The big thing for them is that they're at home."

### NSU focuses new programs on student safety, academic support

This is the final article in a three-part series examining how the NSU administration is responding to suggestions made by an institutional review of the University. The review is available in its entirety on the Web at ulsystem.net. This article's focus is student affairs and safety conBy Kyle Shirley News Editor

NSU President Randall Webb has outlined 14 "action steps" the University is taking to improve student safety and academic support issues.

These steps are the University's response to concerns raised by a comprehensive

review of NSU by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

According to the review, "NSU should take concerted steps to create an environment for students that is not only safe, supportive and academically rigorous, but is

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# SAB busy hosting spring events

Sauce Reporter

College is more than just homework, classes, exams and stress. Members of the SAB have planned a variety of enjoyable events to bring students together and help them

On March 17, The Freshman Factor Committee will host "The Bonk Show" in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom. Students can partici-

Courtney LaCaze pate in the game show with chances to win such prizes as a free Speed-Demon card, cash and more.

On March 29, The Lagniappe Committee will host "Welcome Back from Spring Break" Day. Students can participate in laser tag in front of the Student Union or join in other events throughout the day. The Lagniappe Committee has planned music events.

March 30, the SAB will host

"Project Runway and Spring Fashion Show" at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Models chosen during a model search will showcase the latest trends and fashions. Students attending the event can win prizes given away throughout the night.

The Campus Trends Committee will host a week of events for nontraditional students April 11 to 14. Programs are for students with children,

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Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE Freshman Terry Gloster goes for a spin on the Funtastic Flyer near Iberville Dining Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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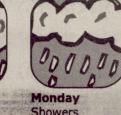
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married students and adult learn-

In April, students can anticipate "Spring Fling Week." The theme for this year is "Treat Yourself Like the Star that You Are." On Monday, "Meet and Greet with the Stars Day," students will have the opportunity to meet actual celebrities. Sara and M.J. from MTV's The Real

World will visit NSU to speak to students, sign autographs and take pictures. On Tuesday, "Demon Day," the SAB will visit the Natchitoches Girls Home to donate semi-formals, formals and purses. On Wednesday, "Pamper Yourself Day," students can receive a free massage by a massage therapist, oxygen bar rejuvenation treatment and candle making

from 12 to 4 p.m. On Thursday, "Party like a Super Star Day," students can eat free crawfish and listen to local bands showcase their talents. Additional special events for the day will be provided by

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# Students, administrators wrestle with WRAC policy

Editor in Chief

As the completion of the Wellness Recreation and Activities Center draws near, students and administrators are trying to iron out a disagreement about a policy concerning alumni membership

Since the spring of 1999, all fulltime students of the NSU Natchitoches campus have paid \$75 per semester, including summers, toward the renovation of the WRAC complex, which is expected to open in May. Since many students who paid into this fund are now alumni, they will be allowed to join the WRAC for free for the number of semesters they paid the fee, said Patric DuBois, associate director for wellness, recreational sports and intramurals.

However, DuBois said in order credits are only designated for stu-

By Elaine Broussard for this to apply to students, they must have graduated between the spring 1999 and spring 2005 semesters. All other alumni will pay a monthly fee of \$35.

Several members of the Student Government Association, including Beau Boudreaux, treasurer, and Matt Bartley, student affairs commissioner, said this is not what students and administrators agreed upon when the policies and procedures were written last spring. Students who graduate after spring 2005 should still receive free membership for the number of semesters they paid the fee while the WRAC was not in use, they said.

"No matter how many semesters you put in, that is how many semesters you get out," Boudreaux said. "That was the selling point. That is what they promised.

DuBois said the free membership

dents who never used the WRAC while they attended NSU, and it would be difficult to extend the credits to future alumni.

"We have clear cut dates of 1999 to 2005 in which students never got to use it," DuBois said. "If you keep going back to account for every student each semester, it just starts to become a never-ending situation."

SGA Adviser Jeff Mathews said SGA members will meet with DuBois and the Student Life Council to work out the disagree-

"I think what we have is just a misunderstanding of what happened a year ago," Mathews said. "It's become a he-said-she-said type thing, and we're going to have to just sit in a room and figure it out."

Mathews said he is confident that an agreement will be made



Chris Reich / the CURRENT SAUCE

Freshman psychology major Danielle Seal participates in a game involving bungee cords and bean bags in front of Iberville Dining Hall Wednesday.

### **NSU Police Blotter**

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2:34 p.m. An employee from Vic's called because a student was throwing things. Officers spoke with the man who said that he was messing around with a friend and accidentally knocked a salt shaker off

the table.

11:02 p.m. An RA from Rapides called because the fire alarm was sounding because of overcooked pop-

11:51 p.m. A medical emergency was

reported in Rapides. An ambulance transported the man to the hospital.

10:07 p.m.

Someone was seen driving a white Cadillac recklessly with passengers hanging out of the vehicle. Officers issued a citation.

A white Suburban got stuck at the main entrance of the University. A witness said it cut into oncoming traffic and got stuck in the process.

10:12 a.m. The TKE house was vandalized

with spray paint.

Concerned parents called because their son stole their vehicle. An officer was sent to locate the vehicle.

3-7-05

4:49 p.m. The SAC from Rapides called about a confiscated radio and

requested an officer.

Elizabeth Bolt

### SAS plans student art show, contest

Sauce Reporter

NSU's Student Art Society is dedicated to promoting art on campus, and sponsors many events including day trips to art galleries in Houston, Shreveport and Dallas.

The biggest event SAS sponsors is the annual Student Art Show, created to showcase NSU's diverse student artists.

Categories for entry include painting, digital art, sculpture and graphics. SAS will be taking appli-

By Candice Pauley cations through March 16. Entries can be submitted to Leslee Toney, any SAS officer or to any faculty member of the art department.

There is a \$5 entry fee for each piece with a maximum of five entries per person. All work must be original in concept and not previously shown in any Student Art Show exhibit. All pieces should be ready for display. Two dimensional art must be framed and ready to hang. Entry forms are available in the art office.

The show will open March 29, (318) 282-2598.

and an awards ceremony will follow on March 31, at 6 p.m.

Lisa Relnauer, McNeese State University visual arts department head, will judge the show.

SAS meets once a month and is open to all NSU students.

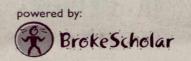
"It's not just for the art department" Toney said. "This is a campus wide thing for any NSU fulltime student."

For more information contact Toney by e-mail at jubileey\_rising@yahoo.com or by phone at

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# **Yellow Ribbon Program**

# MISSION:

Demon Safety Calendar of events for Suicide Awareness Week:

### March 28th

"Campaign Day"

Banners will be placed on the walk way of the Student Union, yellow ribbons placed through campus and in residence halls.

### March 29th

"Movie Night"

"What Dreams May Come" in the Alley. A speaker will briefly explain the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program. Refreshments will be available for participants

### March 30th

"Campus Walk"

All interested participants please meet in the Student Union Lobby. Prizes will be awarded to participants prior to the campus walk.

### March 31st

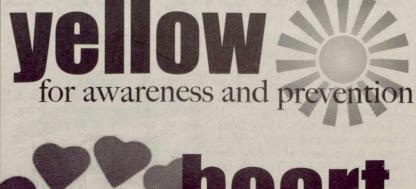
"Table Sit"

Educational materials will be provided in the Student Union

### April 1st

"Clean Up Day"

Removal of all campaign materials from Monday's Campaign Day.





# SGA discount card to help students pinch their pennies

Sauce Reporter

NSU students can stop digging for change in their couches thanks to Natchitoches businesses and the

The SGA is compiling a list of local businesses that offer discounts to NSU students. The Demon Discount Card is free for students and will be available by the end of the spring semester.

The card is tri-fold with the busi-

By Skye Broussard nesses names, phone numbers and discounts offered.

> More than 50 businesses are offering discounts to students. Lucky Village, Ramada Inn and PI's Coffee and Tea are a few businesses on the list.

> "I think it is one of the biggest projects that the SGA has worked on in a while as far as improving student-community relationships," said Alan Sypert, SGA speaker of

Benjamin Rosier, a sophomore

speech education major, said, "I think the discount card is a great idea. College is expensive, and I never have any money, so it really

helps me out." Sypert said he is still working on getting gas stations, doctor's offices and hotels to join the discount list.

Students will be able to pick up their discount card at fee payment or in Room 221 in Friedman Student Union. A detailed list with the businesses' addresses will be available online at nsula.edu/SGA.

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The review expressed specific concerns about the environment in and around Rapides Hall, which Webb described as being "symbolic of what students don't want."

Webb said this dorm will be demolished to make way for a more modern facility to open in the fall, but for now the University is trying to strengthen this area of campus.

As part of the administration's plan, Rapides Hall hosted a grand opening ceremony for a new tutoring program Tuesday. The program will bring student tutors from the Learning Center into the dorm's lobby at night.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour said the Rapides tutoring program is "truly the most collaborative effort across divisions that I've seen in the years that I've been in student affairs here.

"When the NCHEMS report came out, I realized that we needed to have input beyond the division of student affairs," Seymour said. "About 30 percent of the residents of this hall ... agreed to participate in a survey. Their needs in regards

perceived as such by all of its stu- to services, programs and activities

were assessed. Dean of the University College

Sue Weaver said she hopes to bring similar programs to other dorms. "The purpose of this of course is retention," Weaver said. "We are

interested in keeping the students that we have." John Prosser, a freshman chemistry major and resident of Rapides

Hall, said he plans to use the new service and thinks other students will do the same. "If they see someone down here

helping out, then of course they're going to come in and ask questions," Prosser said.

Seymour said NSU has also hired personnel to patrol the area around Rapides Hall at night and report suspicious activity or safety concerns to the University Police.

"We are very concerned about the perception on campus, that the students feel that maybe things are not safe," Seymour said. "There are no facts to support those allega-tions, but with regards to this particular issue perception is reality."

Seymour said the University has also posted a police officer near the campus post office to prevent students from playing their car stereos too loudly and is investigating ways to make the campus more secure at night.

Another strategy the University will implement next semester to promote healthy study habits and a safe dorm environment will be diversifying hall populations based on classification and grade point average, Seymour said.

"It won't be all freshmen together," Seymour said. "By spreading people out, they will probably be influenced by upperclassmen in terms of mentoring and role-mod-

Webb said these steps are part of his efforts to promote "honesty, integrity and a caring attitude toward all people.

"We just try to create an environment here that ... I would want to be in if I were a student, or if I were a faculty member or a staff member. We try to care about peo-

Webb e-mailed a link to a Web site that describes these steps to all faculty and students' myMail accounts Friday. The University's plan is posted on the Web at nsula.edu/president/nchems.asp.

The March 3 edition of the Current Sauce incorrectly credited Leslie Westbrook with the photograph of local band The Entertainers. The shot was actually taken by Candice Pauley. The Current Sauce staff apologizes for the error.

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#### **Announcement:**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is not conducting membership intake this semester on the campus of Northwestern State University. Additionally, please be advised that any student who participates in any pre-pledging and/or illegal membership activities will be barred from membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please feel free to call: (337) 550-8007.

Dr. Marvette J. Thomas **Southwest Regional Director** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

For a list of members of the Iota Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta that are suspended please visit the Web site at www.deltasigmatheta.org. Look

under membership information and then suspensions for the Southwest region.

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#### Tips for the male spring breaker

Spring break is just around the corner, and many here at NSU are planning some pretty awesome trips. Some are going to Mexico or Florida for sea and sun while others are heading off to Vail or Breckinridge, Colo. for some snow and skiing. If you are traveling somewhere for the break, particularly somewhere tropical, you might want to con-sider a few things. This goes for

my male readers especially. OK, Demon men, first things first. Getting in shape in just two short weeks might seem like a complete waste of time, but when you are out on the beaches of Cancun you'll thank yourself for caring and taking those two weeks. Before joining the diet brigade, know that you will not accomplish anything drastic. By understanding this first, you'll be happier with your minimal results. So, with that said, cutting down on food and alcohol portions a week or two before will help you out a lot. By looking out for calorie intake and alcohol consumption, you'll be saving yourself thousands of calories (and quite a few pounds) so that when you do go on "vacay" you'll be allotted a few extra margaritas. Also, get out and walk for at least 30 minutes each day. You might think that walking every day does nothing, but realistically, you could lose an inch around your waste in two weeks by watching those calories and getting some

While attaining a slightly hot-ter body, you should be thinking about your skin. Protecting your skin is really important. If you went out to the beach all day without a pre-tan or sunscreen, you could do some serious dermal damage. In order to prevent looking like a lobster our first day in the sun, do some pre-treatment before you get on that jet-plane.

Step 1: Shave

No one likes to see a hairy body in the middle of a sea of bronze Adonis's; therefore, it is important to rid specific areas like the chest, stomach, back (especially the lower back, eww!), and legs of hair. For a painless hair-removal treatment try this product called "Nads." Not only does it go on smoothly, it takes your hair off even more smoothly. Once you apply the product, wait a few minutes, then just wipe it off with a warm, wet towel. It's that simple!

Step 2: Exfoliating

Once you have gotten rid of your own personal Black Forest, use a sugar-granulated exfoliating scrub to rub out those rough spots. A benefit of exfoliation is that it will cleanse your pores and leave no trace of dirt behind so that your freshly smooth skin won't get infected. This will also help with the next step.

Step 3: Tanning Before stepping into the sand, you'll have wanted to have some sort of color so that you don't scare the kids away with your pasty skin tone. Go to a tanning salon for a couple of appointments. It will give your skin a healthy glow without making you look baked and will also prepare your skin for sunexposure when you get to the beach. You can also choose to use a sunless tanning crème. You will be tan for a while, but it will either rinse off when you hit the water or wear off in a couple of days. You want something natural, so be sure to keep that in mind, whatever you

choose. My last piece of advice to you is to be sure to pack these essentials; otherwise you might have some problems: sunscreen, Aloe Vera lotion, face wash (for those oily days), a good aluminumfree deodorant, and loose-fitting clothing (in the case of a sunburn, you won't want anything clingy).







Photos by Chris Reich / the CURRENT SAUCE

Sigma Gamma Rho presented its annual "Yard Show" outside Friedman Student Union Wednesday. Many NPHC Greeks and other organizations showed off their "stepping" skills in front of a large student crowd. Photos (from top, counter-clockwise): the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi; the sisters and hosts of the show, Sigma Gamma Rho; the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

# To tan or not to tan? Some 'enlightening' facts on indoor tanning

Sauce Reporter

With spring closing in on us and the gloomy months of winter fading away, many of us are breaking out the shorts and tank tops and making tanning appointments.

Tanning has been the topic of plenty of controversy over the years, and people always seem to have something bad rather than good to say about it.

When someone tans in a tanning bed they are in a controlled environment unlike the exposure they encounter when they go out in the sun, says Anita Buie, corporate manager in New Orleans for Planet

"At Planet Beach we are con-

By Katie Lopez ing with dermatologists and eye specialists," Buie says. "We are making sure that our customers get the best and safest tan that they

> Planet Beach also offers a skin analysis that calculates the number of minutes one is allowed to tan from the last time that one tanned, whether in a suit or not, eye color and hair color. All of this information is put into a computer and the time limit will show up, Buie says.

"Tanning in ultraviolet light does not go past the second layer of skin so the myth about it cooking your insides is completely false," Buie says.

Women who are pregnant can tan, but they have to have a docstantly training our staff and work- tor's note. The only risk in doing



this is overheating, but all of the beds are equipped with air conditioners so this will not happen, says

In a pamphlet given to new members by Planet Beach, it states that UV-rays supply many people their main source of vitamin Vitamin D is believed to reduce the risk of some cancers including colon cancer and breast cancer. Vitamin D also contributes to the absorption of calcium, which helps us maintain bone structure.

According to the book Sunlight, by Zane R. Kime, the following effects may be caused from exposure to UV-rays: decreased blood pressure, lower resting heart rate, increased car-

diac output, lower blood cholesterol, increased muscular strength, increased resistance to stress, increased adrenaline in tissue and increased sex hormones.

According to Web MD and the Federal Trade Commission, tan-

ning indoors is not 100 percent safe. People need to protect themselves against the risks of tanning by lim iting exposure to avoid sunburn, using goggles to protect the eyes, and considering medical history These three steps will better protect against UV-rays.

Jennifer Bordelon, a junior radiology tech major, says, "It doesn't bother me now, but it might when get older. I really don't see any thing wrong with it."

Shari Branton a sophomore so ence and exercise major says that she does not think about the negatives - she thinks about the post

"All I think about is that I'm going to be dark at the end of it and I shouldn't worry about any thing else," Branton says.

### Theatre Dept. presents 'Shakespearean Style'

Sauce Reporter

Shakespeare comes to NSU with Northwestern Theatre's production of "The Good...The Bad...The Ugly... 'Shakespeare Style,'" an outdoor production that will run on the back steps of Lee A. Nelson Hall today through Saturday and March 14-18 at 6 p.m.

The play is a mixture of famous scenes and monologues performed slightly out of context. While the writing is all Shakespeare's, the cast and the play's director, Associate Professor of Creative

By Lora Sheppard and Performing Arts Scott Burrell, devised the settings. Some of Shakespeare's sonnets also will be featured.

"We've taken scenes and contemporized the context while keeping Shakespeare's language intact," Burrell said. "Hopefully, this will get those who find Shakespeare not to their liking to become a little less stand-offish."

Some of the plays featured will be "Romeo and Juliet," "Othello," "King Lear," "Hamlet," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Comedy of Errors." Burrell said an

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# **Brown Bag Concerts begin**

By Will Moses Sauce Reporter

Natchitoches' Main Street Program hosts weekly Brown Bag Concert Series each spring.

Courtney Hornsby, Main Street manager, said that every week a brown bag concert will be for the public on Fridays from noon until 1pm. The series will continue

from March through June or July. "It is a great way to promote local musicians and local restaurants because they offer brown bag lunches during the series,"

Hornsby said. Galindo Rodriguez, associate

professor of music, said that Hornsby invites the NSU Jazz Ensemble to perform for various events in the community.

"We perform about once a month on average, and by doing this we promote jazz improvisa-

tion," Rodriguez said. Marcus Barber, a senior CIS major, said that the high quality music performances in the Brown Bag Concert put the University in

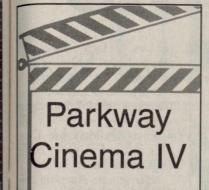
a good light. At the concert held last Friday, the mayor made a special

announcement. "This concert is special because we are announcing that Natchitoches was named by the Nation al Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the top twelve distinct destinations in the United States," Hornsby said. "Amoni others were Key West, Flan Salem, Mass., and Annapolis

"This is a great way to promote Natchitoches and Northwester by doing the Brown Bag Concert series and to let the community know that everything Natchi toches is doing made Natchi, toches a great destination Hornsby said. "We are now known as one place you have to visit in the United States."



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# Faculty art on display now

By Candice Pauley empty, dead shells. Sauce Reporter

Matt DeFord, an artist and new sculpting professor at NSU, spoke of his exhibit, Mortal Importables, as

"I just revel in the magic of it all once I set it up and let it just live. Then I just come and I just look at it, at my creation," DeFord said. "Like Dr. Frankenstein, it's alive."

The exhibit, now on display on the second floor of Hanchey Gallery, truly seems to live. Many of the pieces rumble, speak or cough. Others glow with an inner light all their own. However, the exhibit is not all "living."

"It's about transition. The transition from a mortal, beat-up, decrepit state, the container for what really lies within us, to the realization of potentials," DeFord said. "The ones that have lights, or are closed, or are speaking, they're living; and the others are kind of a shell. The Mortal Importable part."

In the cycle of birth, death and rebirth there are things a person leaves behind, DeFord said. Thus the title Mortal Importables.

DeFord wanted the exhibit to have something for everyone. Many of the pieces draw the viewer in by using light and noise. DeFord said he tried to use a little Many of the pieces seem to be humor and a few everyday objects easily recognizable to the viewer.

Each piece is housed in its own container. There is a toy chest filled with old long-forgotten toys, entitled mortal importables III – loot. The toys surround a glowing orb. The viewer can hear the unintelligible voice of a child that seems to come from under the discarded play-

DeFord pointed out the one piece that encompasses the theme for the entire show, entitled Chrysalis. It is the first piece the viewer encounters that uses noise. Inside an old wooden container full of gaps and holes is a large, glowing orb. A loud rumbling sound that rises and falls comes from inside the container. This piece represents the anticiand being transformed into something new.

Demetrus Caldwell, a sophomore health and human performance major, enjoyed the exhibit.

"I thought they were unique and really good," Caldwell said. "They make you think."

Though DeFord had a specific purpose in mind when creating his exhibit, he wants the viewer to determine what the pieces mean.

"I'd really like the viewer to bring their own experiences to it. And certain viewers will click with certain pieces and disregard the others," DeFord said.

DeFord, who is originally from Houston, graduated with his Mas-

pation of casting off the old shell ter's in studio art from Kansas State University. He said that NSU is an ideal place for him.

"My goal was to teach at a school that was about this size in a town about this size," DeFord said.

He said he is still trying to adjust to life in Louisiana, but he is enjoying the town, the school and his students. DeFord is teaching sculpture, ceramics and drawing this semester. Next semester he hopes to teach a ceramics class for non-art

Mortal Importables will be on display through March 18 on the second floor of the Hanchey gallery. DeFord invites anyone with questions to call him at 357-6013, or email him at defordm@nsula.edu.

# HEATRE FROM PAGE 4

example from the production sion is free and open to everyincludes a scene from "Romeo one. and Juliet" that is set during a high school rehearsal. Robin bring Shakespeare to everyone," Rose is a senior theater major cast member.

"It helps putting the shows in a contemporary atmosphere, to show they are just like us," Rose

According to the NSU News ior theater major. Bureau, bleacher seating will be own chairs and blankets. Admis- atre@nsula.edu.

"That was our mission - to said Liz Maxwell, a sophomore theater major.

"I think if you can master the art of Shakespeare, you can take any message to an audience." said Sarah Jessica Rhodes, a sen-

For more information, contact provided, but audience members Burrell at (318) 357-5814 or are encouraged to bring their NSU's theater department at the-

### mons win conference title

By Chris Salim Sauce Reporter

In front of a near-capacity crowd of 3,299, the Demon Basketball team captured its first conference title in 31 years with a blowout against McNeese State, 103-73 Friday.

The Demons built a 45-30 halftime lead and never looked back.

With the win the Demons received the top seed in this week's Southland Conference Tournament, which gives them home-court advantage throughout the tourna-

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The Demons had six players score in double figures, led by Clifton Lee and Kerwin Forges who each had 12 points.

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Cheryl Thompson/ the CURRENT SAUCE Demon point guard Tyronn Mitchell celebrates with fans following NSU's 103-73 win over McNeese. The Demons claimed the Southland Conference championship.

The Demons also got significant production from the bench, which scored 55 points, led by Alfonse Dyer with 11 and Colby Bargeman

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Tyronn Mitchell also added 10 points each.

This win extends the Demon's winning streak to eight games while snapping McNeese State's six-game

win streak.

Demon head coach Mike McConathy said, "I thought we had good energy from the players and the fans all night. The sixth man (the crowd) is the most important thing when you are at home."

The only bright spot for McNeese was Bryce May who scored 14 points without missing a single shot (7-

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"Fortunately, we were able to contain the rest of their team and not allow anyone else to beat us because he was on fire," McConathy said.

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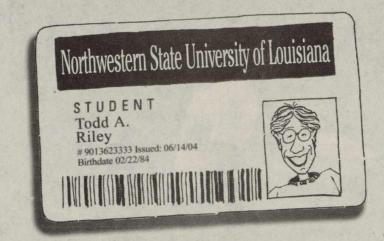
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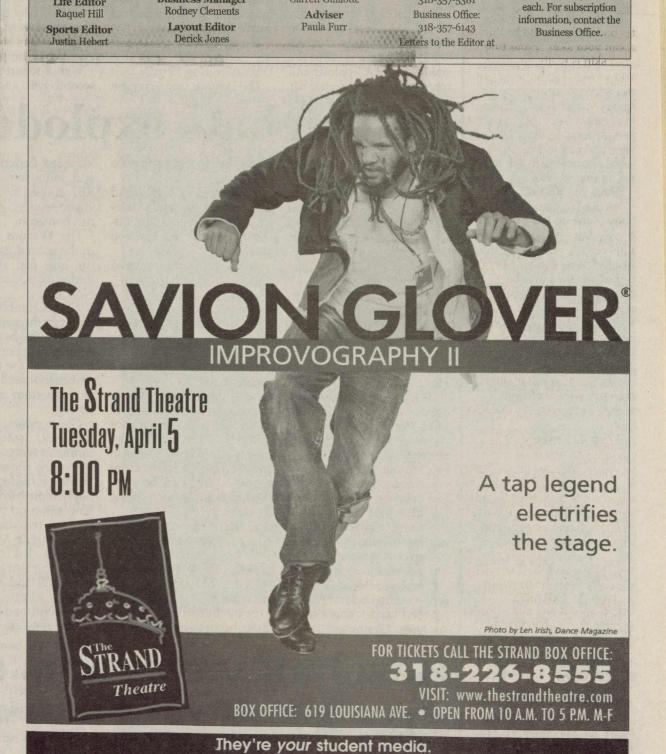
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Justin Hebert The Full Count

#### **Academic Progress**

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More than a month ago I did a story on the NCAA's new Academic Progress Rates, which were just released last Monday.

The new report's purpose is to reinforce academic rules in college athletics by penalizing schools that do not focus on eligibility, graduation and retention of their athletes.

The scores are based on a points system derived by the NCAA Board of Directors. Each student athlete can receive up to two points per semester, one for being academically eligible and one for remaining in school.

A team's total points are then divided by the total possible and multiplied by 1,000 to provide an easy scale to measure schools.

Schools must get 925 points to avoid future NCAA penalties such as scholarship losses or post-season bans.

The reports just released were only a preliminary rating based on the 2003-2004 academic year.

They are designed to let schools know how they rank in the new system, or what sports fall below the mark, before the NCAA actually starts to implement penal-

Actual penalties will begin in 2006 according to universities' 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 reports, which will be released in September.

This is important because NSU's results were remarkable. The Demons' overall APR was a 951 on a 1,000point scale, just above the Division I average of 948.

NSU had the highest rating of all 11 teams in the Southland Conference and had the second best score of all schools in Louisiana, behind only Tulane.

The only NSU sports to fall under the mark were baseball, tennis, and women's indoor track. Baseball and tennis are allowed an upper confidence boundary that is supposed to help smaller squads who fall below 925 by reflecting the team's performance over a longer term.

Track and field numbers throughout the nation were all pretty low on the scale and have caused the NCAA to look into fine-tuning some things before the next reports come out.

The Demons football team received 948 points, better than national champion Southern California's 910 score and well above the national average for all Division I-A football teams, which was 921.

NSU's mens basketball team totaled a 962 APR, falling below only one of the teams from last year's Final Four, Duke. The national average for men's basketball was only 906.

Remarkably, the men's indoor track team and the Lady Demons soccer team had perfect 1000's in the report.

In other women's sports, the Lady Demon basketball team was ranked in the 70th -80th percentile with a 984 score. The softball team also ranked high with 969, and the volleyball team scored a

These are just a few numbers that show how hard President Webb, Athletic Director Greg Burke, Academic Advisor for athletics Julie Lessiter and their staffs work to ensure that the athletes focus not only their sports, but on the degree they are here to get.

# Ladies fall in semis

By Jordan Ford Sauce Reporter

NSU fell in the semifinal game of the O'Reilly Auto Parts Southland Conference Wednesday Tournament night at Texas-Arlington.

UTA defeated the Lady Demons 74-45 in the contest. Senior Diamond Cosby led the team in scoring in the loss picking up 20 points on eight of 13 shooting.

Ashley Sparkman, Amanda Bennett, Beth Tallant and Cosby ended their careers on the court in Arlington as the Lady Demons finished their season 17-12 and 11-5 in conference.

Senior Dee Dee Favors watched from the sidelines after suffering a season-ending injury earlier in the year.

The Lady Demons won their first game in the SLC tournament with a 51-48 victory over the Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners Monday night at Prather Coliseum.

Amanda Bennett and Beth Tallant used their talents to spark the Demons to a late victory.

The Demon's had a slow start in the first half with 12 turnovers and only connecting 7 out of 25 field goals. NSU drew first blood in the

first half when Diamond Cosby sank both her free throws after being fouled by Roadrunner Kim Reed, giving the Demon's a 2-0 lead.

Victory would not come easy as the Roadrunners took the lead with 12 unanswered

After an NSU timeout with 13 minutes left to go in the first half Amanda Bennett kept the Demons alive by sinking her first 3-pointer and connecting 100 percent of her



Lady Demon head coach Jennifer Graf draws up the next play during a timeout in NSU's victory over Texas-San Antonio Monday night in the first round of SLC tournament. Amanda Bennett (55) and Ashley Sparkman were two of five seniors who have finished their careers at NSU.

Bennnett's hustle helped NSU hold the Roadrunners to 23 points in the half. With 8 minutes to go, the Lady Demons began their 8 point run closing the gap before the end of the first half.

The struggle continued into the second half with the Demons trailing 19 to 26.

until Tena Matthews sank two free throws after being fouled by Roadrunner Nicole Dun-

The Roadrunners struck back with a lay-up from Richelle Parks but the Lady Demons were quick to answer with a lay-up of their own from Bennett.

With 8 minutes left in the The Demons were scoreless second half and the Lady

Demons trailing by 10 it was throws to cement the victory time for Beth Tallant to turn up the heat.

'She did a good job of brining intensity to the game," Coach Jennifer Graf said.

Tallant's second half performance included 10 points scoring 100 percent of her attempts along with the game winning shot, and guard team's defensive performance Sheronda Bell hit two free said, "I think defense did it

advancing the Lady Demons to the second round of the league tournament.

"It wasn't a matter of my presence, it was just a matter of me doing my job, doing what I'm told to do and getting it done," Tallant said.

Graf, impressed by her

victory they suffered a loss against the McNeese Cow. girls in the last game of the regular season last Friday.

stepped up while offense

Before the Demons enjoyed

the fruits of Monday night's

struggled."

NSU seniors Amanda Ben. nett, Diamond Cosby, Dee Dee Favors, Ashley Spark. man and Beth Tallant were honored in pre-game cere. monies before they took the court for their last regular sea.

son game against McNeese. Even though Chassidy Jones scored 24 points and Ashley Sparkman had a total of 15 rebounds it still was not to overcome enough McNeese.

Sparkman, NSU's singleseason, game and career A roablocked shots record holder, on pat broke her own single game blocked shots and tied the SLC record of with 13 blocked shots for the game.

Although Sparkman had a record-breaking game she credited the loss to "a combination of things ... turnovers, missed shots and defense."

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The Lady Demons were predicted to win against Brigac McNeese after beating the brigad Cowgirls previously in the eral se regular season.

"It was a heartbreaker," Bennett said, "We just didn't come prepared to play

tonight. It was neck and neck throughout the first half with the score tied at 31 at half-

The second half the Lady questi Demons continued to battle the Cowgirls but came up

The final score was 72-77, Day (A and McNeese would go compl home with a win. \$250

# Demon bats explode for 27 runs in two games

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

The Demon softball team made quick work of the Grambling State Tigers in both games of a doubleheader at the Demon Diamond Wednesday night.

It only took five innings for each game as the Demons defeated the Tigers 11-1 in the first game and 16-1 in the second to improve their record to 15-

"It was a good day for the offense today," head coach Mike Perniciaro said. "We came out swinging the bats pretty well and that always helps your pitching staff when you can get a big lead like that."

Senior Loni Rasberry got the win in the first contest, pitching all five innings giving up only one run on four hits while striking out nine.

On the attack end, Demon senior centerfielder Nicole Martin and sophomore

at the plate.

Glenn had a single and two homeruns while driving in five runs. Martin finished with a double and two

'I just came up prepared and saw the ball well," Glenn said.

The Tigers got on the board first in the top of the first inning, but that was the last time Grambling would even have a player reach second base.

NSU posted five runs in the bottom of the second inning to take the lead for good. After singles by Glenn and second baseman Lyndsey Gorski, third baseman Katrina Walker doubled to right center to bring in the two runs.

Pinch runner Nicky McGuirk scored on an error then Martin and left fielder Sarina Noack hit back-toback triples to drive in two more runs.

In the third Glenn hit her Amanda Glenn each were first homer after catcher in two runs for NSU.

perfect going three for three Margaret Patterson singled, and following a Patterson RBI single in the fourth, Glenn slugged out a threerun homerun.

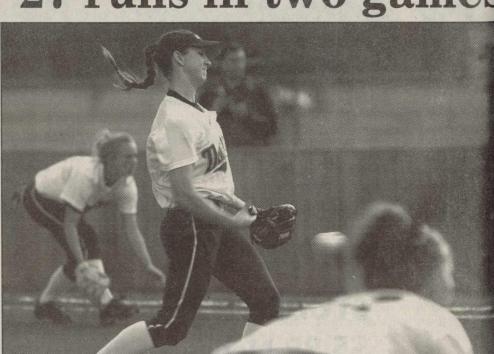
The Demons struck first in the second game picking up one run in the first inning after Martin drove in Noack.

After Grambling tied the game in the second inning, the Demon bats exploded again picking up six runs on four hits in the third inning and then scored eight more in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Glenn picked up the win for NSU pitching three innings giving up one run and only allowing one hit while striking out six. Sophomore Michelle Castellano came on in relief and pitched two innings without giving up a hit.

Noack led the Demon

bats going two for four with three RBI and scored three times. Martin and senior Dawn Normand each drove



Leslie Westbrook/ the CURRENT SAU

Loni Rasberry pitches to a Grambling State batter as third baseman Katrina Walker, foreground, and first baseman Amanda Perdue, background, anticipate a hit. Rasberry struck out nine batters in her win-

Saturday the Demons will start a three game series at conference rival Texas- Sunday at 1 p.m. Arlington, playing two

finishing up with one game

"UTA is a tough team, but too," Perniciaro said.

held in games starting at 2 p.m. and I think if we play like we'f playing right now should take care of the

# Baseball victorious over No. 19 Baylor on road



Leslie Westbrook/ the Current Sauce Junior outfielder Michael Palermo legs out a double in the Demons win over Grambling Sunday. NSU was victorious 11-7 and 16-0.

**Courtesy of Sports** Information www.nsudemons.com

Brandon Morgan's two-run single in the top of the second inning sparked a three-run rally as the NSU Demons jumped up early on the 19thranked Baylor Bears then held on for a 5-4 win here Tuesday night.

The win over the Bears was the second victory over a ranked opponent in an eightday span as NSU improves to 14-5 on the season. The Demons defeated 16thranked Ole Miss 8-7 last Tues-

"This was just a really good win for us," said head coach Mitch Gaspard. "Brandon got

pitching staff did a great job of working out of some jams." Morgan finished 2 for 4

with three RBIs and a run scored as NSU out-hit the Bears (8-7) 9-8. Hunter Thoms added a 2 for 4 game while scoring two runs.

"We're really starting to swing the bats well against some of the top teams in the country. We're just going out with a lot of confidence and getting the job done right

The Demons held a 3-2 lead through the top of the sixth inning, but Baylor threatened when lead-off hitter Josh Ford doubled to begin the bottom half of the inning.

Jones entered the game to as Blake was replaced relieve starter Rusty Jones and struck out the next two batters to end the frame.

Andre Vige led off the top of the seventh with a single and Thoms followed with a double to move Vige to third. Morgan then got his third RBI of the game on an infield single that scored Vige and gave

the Demons a 4-2 lead. After the second out of the inning, pinch-hitter Michael Flower reached on a dropped a pop-up in the infield that got lost in the lights that scored Morgan and increased the lead to 5-2.

Blake hurled a perfect seventh inning but ran into trou-After a groundout for the ble in the eighth when Baylor

us going early on while our first out of the inning, Blake loaded the bases with one Daniel Desclouds who galup a sacrifice fly and an R single as Baylor cut the lead

Desclouds picked up fourth save of the sea when he shut down Baylor the ninth.

Rusty Jones, now 2-0 on D year, got the win after thro ing 5 1/3 innings giving

two runs on six hits. Baylor's Sean Walker (1) was hit for the loss al throwing just 1 1/3 inning and giving up three runs

five hits. The Demons will return action on Friday when the begin a three-game weeken series at Oklahoma.

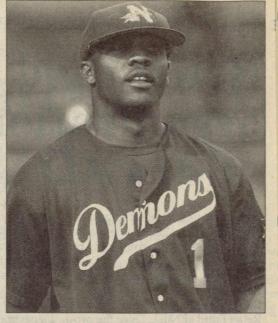
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#### Sauce on the Side

#### **NSU** alumnus dies in Iraq

d career A roadside bomb killed an NSU graduate while he was rd holder, on patrol in Iraq Saturday.

Sgt. Isiah J. Sinclair, 31, was a criminal justice major who graduated in 1997. Sinclair was a member of the 13 blocked 1/156th Armor Battalion based in Shreveport. He was deployed in May 2004. nan had a

According to an article in the Shreveport Times, the explosion also killed Sgt. Lee M. Godbolt, 23. Two other turnovers, soldiers were wounded, but their names have not been

> Sinclair and Godbolt were members of the 256th Brigade. They are the 26th and 27th soldiers from the brigade to be killed in Iraq since it was called into federal service a year ago.

> > **Cheryl Thompson**

#### Financial aid hosts fun hunt

The Office of Financial Aid will host the first annual Financial Aid Fun Hunt. A clue will be available outside the Financial Aid Office in Roy Hall from April 1-13. The clue will lead participants to a chest containing a question.

Participants must record all answers to the questions on one sheet of paper to be in on Debt Management Day (April 13). The names of participants who have completed the hunt will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 scholarship, digital camera, DVD player, backpack, thermal drink bag, gift certificates and more.

Savanna Mahaffey

#### Campus lecture rescheduled

Due to a miscommunication, motivational speaker Mike DeStefano has been rescheduled and will be on campus April 7 at 7 p.m. in Theatre West of the Creative and Performing Arts Center.

DeStefano is a stand-up comedian and campus lecturer who speaks to students about safe sex, HIV/AIDS and drinking responsibly. His lecture, "Wise Words from a Wiseguy," is about his abusive childhood, alcohol and heroin addictions, the death of his wife from an AIDSrelated illness and his own battle with HIV.

The SGA hopes DeStefano brings HIV/AIDS awareness to students in a comedic and light-hearted yet informative message. For more information, contact the SGA at 357-4501.

**Shannon Harper** 

#### SAB gears up for Spring Fling

NSU's annual Spring Fling is set to take place next

The Student Activities Board sponsored event, now in its seventh year, will begin Monday and go through April 7. The first day of festivities will feature an opportunity for students to meet and receive autographs from "The Real World" stars M.J. Garrett and Sarah Burke. The signing will be 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held in the Student Union Ballroom.

Tuesday will see the start of the "Hollywood Dress Drive," where students can donate previously owned dresses, purses and other accessories for future use by the girls' home. Spring Fling head June Chavin said donation boxes will be placed around campus.

"There will be official recognition or a prize for the person who brings in the most," Chavin said.

Wednesday will feature free massages for students and gel candle making. These events are slated to be held in the Student Union lobby from noon until 4 p.m. The final day of the festivities will be April 7 and will be at the practice field by Prather Coliseum. Events will Include a free crawfish boil, a rock-climbing wall, a NASCAR simulator and live music.

**Andrew Shirley** 

#### Piano series continues Saturday

Pianist Constance Carroll will perform at NSU Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Tickets are \$10. Students from schools in Louisiana are admitted Tree. The recital is part of the Louisiana Piano Series

The program will include works by Domenico Scarlatti, Beethoven, Chopin, Alexander Scriabin, Franz Liszt and Paganini. For more information on the Louisiana Piano Series International, call (318) 357-5763 or go to fitenko.com/pianoseries.

# Webb replaces Scheffler with new acting provost

By Kyle Shirley News Editor



SCHEFFLER

Thomas Hanson has replaced Anthony Scheffler as NSU's provost and vice president of academic

NSU President Randall Webb sent an e-mail to all faculty and staff March 18 announcing the change.

In the e-mail, Webb also

announced that Scheffler had been "reassigned to the position of acting executive director of the CenLA Campus in Alexandria, and Marsha Zulick will return to the Natchitoches campus in the area of planning and assessment."

Scheffler said he did not accept his new position. "I'm on leave. I've given

my resignation as of June 28... I'm just using up my leave time. I've got gobs of it," Scheffler said.

"I took the opportunity to move in a direction that I thought would be good for me professionally, and he (Webb) took the opportunity to ensure that the University is moving in the direction that he feels is appropriate for Northwestern," Scheffler

on what job opportunities he

is looking into, but said he is still communicating with NSU officials to aid in the transition process.

"It's not like an 'I'm mad and I'm leaving' kind of thing at all. The president is the president, and if he feels like he wants to do what he wants to do, by all means that's his prerogative," Scheffler said.

In an e-mail interview, Webb wrote, "I am hoping that these and other changes we have made will lead to the improvement of communication and coordination of efforts throughout the Uni-

Webb did not comment on why these personnel reassignments are happening

Check the April 7 edition of the Current Sauce for more Scheffler did not comment information on these Hanson ready to step up

Claire Mayeux Sauce Reporter

On March 18, Thomas Hanson walked into President Randall Webb's office as a mathematics professor and emerged as the acting provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Hanson said his transition from mathematics professor to his current position was not expected.

"Last Friday I received a call from Dr. Webb asking if I could meet with him at 1:15. He asked if I would like to do this job and I said yes," Hanson said.

Webb said Hanson is a very capable administrator. "When I became president

of Northwestern, I appointed him as my replacement in the



position of dean of instruction and graduate studies. Dr. Hanson has also served as a member of the faculty senate, including a couple of terms as its president," Webb wrote in an e-mail.

Webb said that in addition to Hanson's administrative

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# Student election ballot released

SGA treasurer, SAB representative seats contested; president, vice-president acclamated

ed position in next week's and the election board rule race will include two current SGA executives thought to be graduating seniors.

As student election filings closed yesterday at 4:30 p.m., four SGA members had signed up to run for treasurer: Academic Affairs Commissioner Matt Bartley, junior senator-at-large Ifrah Jamil, President Mindy McConnell and current Treasurer Beau Boudreaux.

Bartley and Jamil had filed earlier in the week, but McConnell and Boudreaux added their names to the list minutes before filings ended.

McConnell, who plans to graduate this semester, said she filed for treasurer because she is concerned that Jamil might be disqualified from the race. She said she supports Jamil and does not want to see Bartley take the position unopposed.

SGA Vice President Zach Pulliam said Jamil was appointed to the senate in the middle of the fall semester. Since the SGA by-laws require a senator to have served a full year on the senate before applying for an executive position such as treasurer, Jamil may be disqualified, he said.

The student election board, the committee that governs elections, did not meet quorum yesterday afternoon, so no decision had been made about Jamil's eligibility at press time.

"I do not believe there are grounds to disqualify Ifrah,"

The position of SGA treas- McConnell said, "But in the urer will be the most contest- event that the supreme court student elections, and the that she does not meet the qualifications, I wanted there to be some other candidate other than Matt Bartley because I do not think he would do the best job in the

McConnell said if she was elected treasurer, she could then resign, and the senate would be responsible for choosing her replacement.

"I think the point of elections is that you get to pick somebody. That's just how democracy works."

> Ifrah Jamil SGA Treasurer candidate

"If the senate picked the treasurer they might pick Ifrah," McConnell said. "So I am running basically to try to get her elected."

Boudreaux, who has

served two terms as treasurer, is also planning to graduate this semester. Boudreaux said he has been accepted to law school at Loyola University and has been awarded a scholarship to cover twothirds of his tuition there, but he has also been accepted to graduate school at



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauce

SGA president-elect Alan Sypert and vice president-elect Shantel Wempren ran unopposed. an undergraduate student at unsure of her plans for next

NSU for seven years, said, "I love NSU. I bleed purple and white. It's really hard to imagine moving on from this fine institution. Boudreaux said if Jamil is

allowed to stay in the race, he will likely withdraw. McConnell said she also

has applied to several law Boudreaux, who has been schools, but she still is

year. She said attending graduate school at NSU is one of her options. She said she does not plan to campaign for the race. "I'm rather upset at the

motivation of the people signing up for this race," Bartley said. "It's going to be an ugly race. I hope Mindy and Beau get out of it,

because they're not even going to be here. They're graduating."

Jamil said, "I think the point of elections is that you get to pick somebody. That's just how democracy works. I appreciate that Mindy and Beau are trying to get a fair election going.

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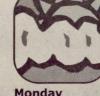
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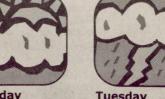
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By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

tions may be able to plan trips without being discouraged by high costs.

Monday the Student Government Association passed legislation to begin an Organizational Relief Fund at NSU. Once the proposal receives final approval, the fund will provide grants for student organizations and departmental groups to reimburse them for full or partial travel expenses.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour and University President Randall Webb must approve the proposal before it is placed on the ballot in the fall student elections. If students vote in its favor, every student will pay an additional self-assessed fee of \$5

per semester, including summers, to support the fund.

"This process has been running Next spring student organiza- smoothly for about 25 years down at LSU," SGA Treasurer Beau Boudreaux said. "So basically we're just copying and pasting."

Boudreaux emphasized that not only recognized student organizations will be eligible for the grants. Departmental sponsored groups

will be able to apply as well.

"This is so students who aren't active in student activities will still be able to go and present their academic work," Boudreaux said. He cited examples such as CIS and theater students who attend competitions each year.

External Affairs Commissioner Sammy Zumwalt, a sponsor of the proposal, said, "We're trying to include everyone in the University to let everyone have an equal

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returned to Room 103 by April 1 at 4 p.m. Potential applicants should check

Hall, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be

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Student Affairs Commissioner Matt Bartley voted against the proposal. He said he disagreed with assessing the fee to part-time students who are not allowed to vote in student elections.

"Part-time students have no representation on this campus," Bartley said. "Somebody has to look out for them."

If the Organizational Relief Fund is implemented, each organization will only be allowed to receive a grant once per academic year. A committee composed of seven students and two faculty members will meet once a month to review grant applications.

Without this fee full-time students pay \$134.50 in self-assessed fees each fall and \$114.50 each

# Relief fund in works to aid Jeopardy! champ to organizational travels challenge NSU students

Sauce Reporter

Everyone soon will get a chance to find out just how smart NSU students really are.

As part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series, The Student Government Association is bringing quiz show champion Ken Jennings to

According to the website abspeakers.com, Jennings made television history by winning a record \$2.35 million on the television game show Jeopardy! Jennings'

into an unlikely celebrity. He has appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman to present the "Top 10" and is a spokesman for the cellular phone company Cingu-

President SGA McConnell said two students and one faculty member will get a chance to test their knowledge against Jennings in a quiz-bowl competition.

A written test was given Wednesday to those interested in competing against Jennings and the SGA

By Shannon Harper winning streak on has turned him will choose the final three this

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McConnell said the purpose of inviting speakers like Jennings is to appeal to students who normally

would not attend a lecture. "Jennings has an unusual appeal to people," McConnell said "Hopefully we can increase our attendance level and get students

involved." Jennings is scheduled to appear April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Magale Recital Hall.

For more information contact the SGA office at 357-4501.

### Watson Library to receive facelift

Sauce Reporter for easy use.

Construction teams and library workers are in the process of renovating Watson Memorial Library to make it more convenient.

The project will involve the addition of a multifunctional lounging area for students on the second floor. The lounge will include a coffee bar from Aramark, game tables, docking stations for laptops, and more. The best sellers and magazines will

By Kaley Wilkins also be located in the lounge area nice," Bond said. "We hope to be

Lisa Bond, the project coordinator, said the purpose of the renovations is to make the library more appealing to students.

The student body is our main focus," Bond said.

The help reorganize the library, all journals will be moved to the same area and alphabetized by title. The circulating books will be moved to the second floor and alphabetized by call number.

"Overall, it will all be really

able to pull in all the different departments on campus: works of art from he art department and maybe even have the Theatre Department's improv troupe perform in the lounge."

A student library worker, senior Jamaal Gilbert, said, "I just wish they would have done this sooner, but it's a great idea for NSU's future students."

Bond said the renovations should be completed before the fall semester begins.

# Math professor wins award

By Michael Arcement II regional level, DeVault was auto-Sauce Reporter

During the Mathematical Association of America's Louisiana-Mississippi regional meeting in Gulfport, Miss., associate professor of mathematics at NSU, Richard DeVault was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award.

Stan Chadick was the nominating professor. The award recognizes DeVault's accomplishments as a top educator among all collegiate teachers in Louisiana and Mississippi.

As a result of his win at the NSU

matically nominated for the national Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. According to the MAA Web site, the national award carries a \$1000 reward.

It's only the attention his skills in the classroom and his lasting impact on students that really matter DeVault said.

"Awards are more of a recognition thing," DeVault said.

Previously DeVault had received an award for his research from

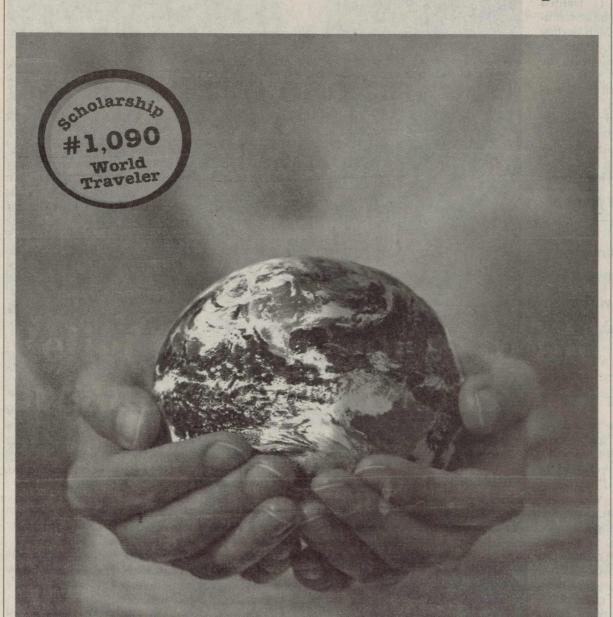
"It was really nice to get recognized within the mathematical community for my teaching." DeVault said.

Among the two major national mathematical associations, the MAA places a higher priority on teaching. The other association, the American Mathematical Society, is focused more on mathematical discovery and research.

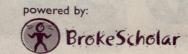
"I like to do the research, but if I had a choice between the two I would do the teaching," DeVault

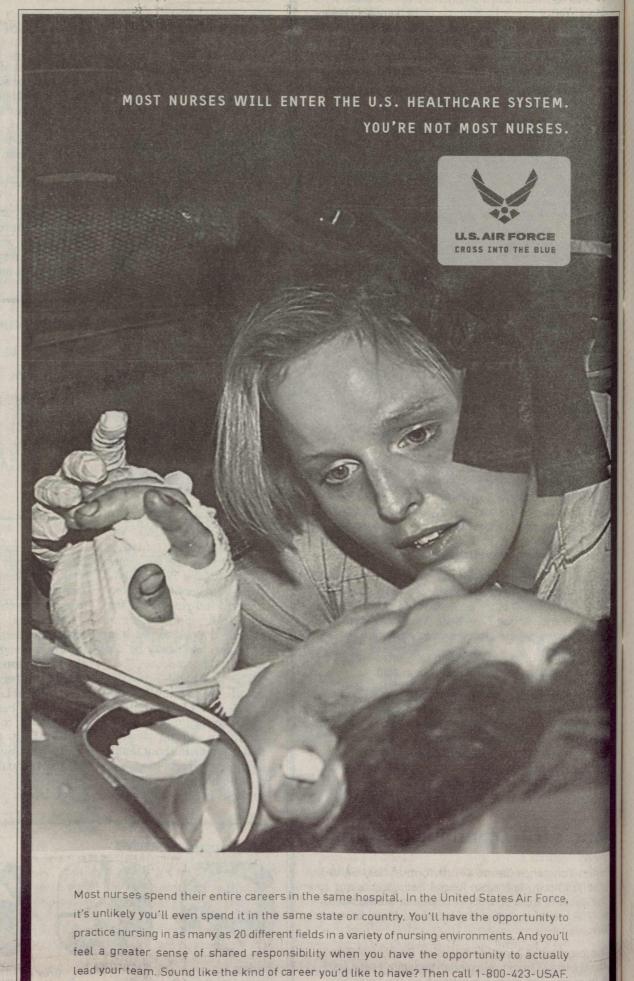
DeVault is the only recipient of this award among NSU faculty.

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Hanson said he has been on the NSU faculty for 15 years and has gone full circle in the positions he

"I spent five years teaching for the math department, one year directing information systems, four years as the dean of instruction and graduate studies and five more years were spent back in the class-

"Now I am back in an administrative position and I am glad to be here," Hanson said.

Mary Margaret Shivers, the coordinator of academic affairs said she has known Hanson for some time, and the transition will be no prob-

"When he was the director of information systems and dean of instruction and graduate studies, the academic affairs office was his immediate supervisor," Shivers said. "He is very easy to work

Hanson said he is very excited about taking on this position.

"This is a time of challenge for Northwestern, but it is also a time ripe with opportunity for us. I want to take advantage of these opportunities and make this institution the best it can be," Hanson said.

Hanson said he wants to focus on enhancing NSU's partnership with community colleges since they will be one of the big sources of incoming students due to the new selective admissions stan-

Hanson said that nurturing relationships with community colleges will be a future source of growth for NSU. Hanson said he will spend much of his time working on adult education initiatives.

Hanson said that because of his new position he had to give up the classes he has been teaching.

Frank Serio, head of the mathematics department said Martha Kay Smiley, a former teacher at the Louisiana School and adjunct teacher with NSU, was hired to take on Hanson's classes.

Baroque ensemble to perform for students

Sauce Reporter

Group will offer performance and master class on rare period instruments

NSU students will get a chance to hear period musical instruments on Sunday.

The Plano Baroque Chamber Ensemble will perform with the instruments at 3 p.m. in the Magale Recital Hall in the Creative and Performing Arts Center, said Tony

By Jamie Webb Smith, coordinator of music for idea of what the instruments the CAPA department and local sponsor of the event.

There will be a master class following the performance for anyone interested, Smith said. The performers will give a history of each of the instruments and show students how each is played. Both events are free and open to the

Students and alumni from the University of North Texas will play the period instruments, which are copies of instruments from the baroque and Renaissance periods, said David West, news bureau director, in a news release last week.

instruments were designed to be like instruments

sounded like back then," Smith

William Traylor, the North Texas sponsor of the event, is an NSU alumnus with a masters degree. Traylor asked Smith if the ensemble could perform at NSU. Smith agreed because this type of music is not often heard in recent times.

'North Texas is one of the largest music schools in the country and can afford these instruments," Smith said.

The school owns the instruments the students will be playing on Sunday.

The Renaissance instruments will include viols, shawms, krummhorns, dulcians and renaissance recorders and the baroque were back in the 1700s to get an instruments will include both

baroque wind instruments and string instruments, West said.

Viols are early violins, krummhorns are like the modern oboe and dulcians are early bassoons, Smith said. Shawms are early oboes with a high, piercing,

The baroque wind instruments are different from modern instruments in that they are blown more easily, West said.

The baroque string instruments use strings made of either cat-gut or sheep-gut, which makes the sound lighter.

Students enrolled in a Fine Arts class this semester will get credit for attending this event, Smith

Contact Smith at 357-5807 for more information.

#### ELECTIONS FROM PAGE 1

Other SGA positions filled by acclamation, SAB seats up for con-

The offices of SGA president and vice president were taken by Alan Sypert, speaker of the senate, and Shantel Wempren, junior senator. Sypert and Wempren faced no

competition for these positions. "I was prepared for a full blown campaign," Wempren said. "I had stacks of campaign materials in my room ready to go if anyone ran

Wempren said she and Sypert are thankful for their positions, and they are prepared for a productive

Also, 16 SGA senator-at-large positions were filled by acclamation. More than 20 applicants would have needed to apply for an election to be conducted.

However, on next week's ballot, 17 students will be competing for of 2003 allowing the issue to appear 10 available SAB representative-at-

large positions.

Rodeo team fee referendum placed on ballot

After two previous attempts by the SGA to place the issue up for student vote, the decision whether to continue paying a \$1 per semester self-assessed fee to the NSU rodeo team will finally be made by students next week.

The SGA passed a bill the spring on the fall 2003 ballot for the stuPresident of Student Affairs Dan Seymour did not approve the bill, and it was not placed on the ballot. The issue was discussed again at the last SGA meeting of the fall 2003 semester and was set to be placed on the spring 2004 ballot, but this also did not happen.

Sypert said the rodeo team has already had their funds frozen by the Committee on Organizations because they have failed to fill out

dents to vote on. However, Vice any of the necessary paper work to continue being a recognized student organization.

Jack Pace, biology professor and faculty adviser of the rodeo team, said the team has not competed since the fall of 2004. Pace said last year's team had four competing members some of whom are still students. These students have not competed this year due to constraints from school, he said.

Sypert said if students vote down

the rodeo team fee, the frozen funds to the rodeo team will go to club sports. However, he also said if the rodeo team wants to continue competing and needs monetary help, it can apply for grants from the club sports budget like the soccer, crew and hockey teams.

Elections will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union lobby. A current student ID will be needed at the polls

#### Students campaign for SAB rep-at-large seats, but SGA students fill seats by acclamation

Elections to take place Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Union Lobby

- SAB rep-at-large candidates
- Jessie Diton
- Tazmin Ivey LaToya Collins
- Erica Ware Michael Antoon
- Ivy Mitchell
- Megan Scruggs
- Marissa Guidry · Nicholas A. Smith
- Matt Bossier Rachael Tingle

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- Charlotte Digh
- Drew Maxwell
- Rodney Clements Kathy Swate
- Lindsay Maggio John Guerin III
- **Acclamated SGA senators**
- Matt Bartley
- Natasha Bennett
- Elaine Broussard Matt Burroughs
- Ronald Cupit
  - Maryellen Dickey
  - · Jason Ingargiola
  - Mindy McConnell
  - Aaron Pitre
  - Zachary Pulliam

  - Anna Rachel
  - Amanda Ridgdell · William Smith
  - Matthew Zumwalt
  - Samuel Zumwalt

Source: Student election board

### **NSU Police Blotter**

3-17-05

An ambulance responded to a call about a fire alarm in Dodd

8:36 p.m.

Campus and city police responded to a call about the discovery of Varnado Hall residents in possession of alcohol.

3-18-05

2:22 p.m. An intruder refused to leave the front porch of a Columns resident.

3-20-05

6:22 p.m. Two men activated an alarm at Sabine Hall while trying to climb through a window.

3-24-05

A student called to report that someone tried to drive over him in a parking lot.

3-25-05

6:20 a.m.

Campus police unit 18 lost a gas card. Police received a call about reck-

less operation of a vehicle on Tarl-

ton Drive. 3-27-05

A break-in occurred at the Columns.

6:42 p.m.

An Area Coordinator from Rapides called to report possible drug use. Police were unable to locate anything.

3-28-05

9:43 a.m. An employee of the registrar's office called to report someone

who was trying to borrow money.

**Elizabeth Bolt** 

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# Find your particular "I"



By Jason Cole

"Gnosis attempts to see through the contradiction of existence and free itself from it, rather than endure the contradiction and redeem it ... This gnosis is not found in the modern world in theosophies and occult systems alone." - Maurice Friedman

It is difficult to grow up in certain geographic regions having questions about how the world works. Many people do not respect their peers who often appear unusual or strange because of their interests in how things happen or what causes the events of life to unfold the way that they do. For this reason many people seeking gnosis, the Greek word for knowledge, turn to esoteric literature to assuage their anguish.

Recently I accompanied my friend Jesse Poole to the Natchitoches Public Library in an effort to find a copy of Inferno by Dante Alighieri. After having to pay a five dollar fee to check out library books we discovered that the only copy in this parish outside of the University was checked out until the end of May. In our frustration we returned to campus to get a

used edition from a Scholars' College student who had read it for Text and Traditions. I was dismayed that such a popular work was inaccessible but something as obscure as Looking for Spinoza was readily available at the public

Unfortunately, hiding behind the works of Gerald Gardner is not conducive to living in the postmodern era. Individuals with above average intelligence individuals can endure isolation more easily by reading ancient texts with big words and complex formulas, but in the final analysis all they are good for is talking to other like-minded individuals. Unless you are a dedicated anthropologist, there is very little value to be found in immersing yourself in mysticism. I am often baffled by the hypocrisy of people who devour such books and then proceed to engage in every form of commercialism to be accepted by general society.

The horror of the mass suicide in 1978 involving over 900 members of the People's Temple organization in Jonestown, Guyana, also reveals a problem of trying to escape from society. Alienation produces a strong desire to be accepted, but people who have endured isolation for too long often do not use their head when a charismatic nut like Jim Jones starts preaching things that appeal

Acting upon a psychological impulse to attach oneself to a greater whole leads to negative consequences in whatever form it occurs. This applies just as much to iconoclasts as well as to the fundamentalists who engaged in holy wars during the middle ages. It applies to racists who found violent organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan or skinhead movements, and it applies to people who vote for a presidential candidate on the basis that he presents himself as a man of faith. One should never make a decision simply because the rest of society is jumping on a bandwagon.

If you want to be happy you should look within yourself and discover the particular "I" who exists. This will provide much more satisfaction than struggling to fit in. I remember going through a long period of rejection during adolescence because I finished tests faster than the rest of the class. However, I believe when I get sick it is because I contracted a virus that disrupts the chemical equilibrium of my body, not because someone is sticking pins in a doll with my hair sewn into it.

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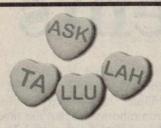
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# The 4-1-1 on abuse

Dear Readers,

Life is rarely ever serious, but when it is, it can pack quite a punch. So today, I am going to tackle the subject of abusive relationships. If a person knowingly commits to an abusive relationship, and confides in a friend what is going on, who is to blame if that person eventually suffers a serious injury? Is it the abusive partner, the person who stayed and took it, or the friend who knew about the abuse and did nothing? Is it all three?

The abuser is no doubt the first person that people point a finger at when deciding who is to blame. However, it is doubtful abusers would have changed all that much in personality since the first meeting that they had with their victim. There are little signs that hint at the hidden violence in a potential abuser. By recognizing these early warning signs, it is possible to avoid being in this situation altogether. These signs include, but are not limited to this person demeaning or belittling you, acting jealous or possessive, raging for no reason, or trying to control you and isolating you from your friends.

Also, as the person who is potentially being abused you must realize that only you can be the one to get up and walk away. No one is going to drag you away from your abuser. Remember that no one should have the right to tell you what to feel, think, or do. Therapy is available for couples that are in abusive relationships, but take into account that abusers rarely change their ways. The best course of action once you realize that you must leave for your own self-preservation is to find a safe place to stay with people who are willing to protect you. This is, also, a moment in which you should pause since you may not want to involve other people if they may get hurt. Be aware that the abuse may increase after you leave since "stepping out of the cycle enrages the abuser, as it shatters the illusion of control." Indeed, 75 percent of women killed by their abusive partners are murdered after they

Now, for the friend who knows that this horrible abuse is going on with their friend, but has no idea what to do: this is an extremely difficult situation to be put in because really as the friend, you can only do what the person who is being abused allows you to do. Short of calling the police when the abuse is taking place, which without doubt will cause you to lose the friend you were trying to help altogether, all you can really do is wait. This is perhaps the hardest advice to listen to, but if you try to force you friend to leave their boyfriend or girlfriend they will only blame you once they decide to go running back to their prospective partners, which is a common occurrence in abusive relationships.

So to avoid abusive relationships it is important to know about what constitutes an abusive relationship. Also, realize that abuse does not have to be physical, and verbal and emotional abuse can be even more harmful and detrimental to one's health. Most importantly, always remember that abuse is progressive, and escalates, it never diminishes, so think twice before trying to stick around and change someone. As corny as it sounds as well, love yourself and have confidence that you deserve great things, and to be treated like a person because

~Tallulah



# Purple Jackets always in style at NSU

The NSU Purple Jackets are the oldest and most prestigious Registered Student Organization on NSU's campus. Since their beginning in 1927 they have been considered as the official hostesses of NSU and assist President and Mrs. Webb in special functions.

The Purple Jackets were founded by a group of women who wanted to organize an honor society. Jessica Lee has been a member for three semesters.

"It's a great organization to be involved with," Lee says. "I'm proud to be a member.'

The Purple Jackets host more than 80 major university functions including Graduation Ceremonies and all of the home football games. They also participate in events that take place in the Natchitoches Community.

The organization is solely for women and consists of only 35 members; each member remains a Purple Jacket until graduation or failure to uphold certain qualifications. These qualifications include

By Eva Sterling being in good standing with the Sauce Reporter University, maintaining a 3.0 GPA, and involvement in two student organizations, holding an office in at least one. Members must also attend a monthly Monday night meeting.

> New member recruitment takes place every spring semester. Women interested have the opportunity to summit an application, and then attend an informational.

"We get a better chance to meet and greet, and let them tell us more about themselves," President Ashley Samson says. "This semester we gained 10 new girls that we are very excited about."

Throughout the years the distinct dress that sets the Purple Jackets apart from other organizations has changed. In the beginning their attire consisted of a purple vest, but now members wear a purple dress jacket while working NSU functions. The Purple Jackets are usually passed down from graduating seniors, but Samson is trying to get the funds to buy one set for the organization so all the jackets can match.



Leslie Westbrook / the Current Sauci The NSU Purple Jackets serve as the University's hostesses and are involved in various projects throughout the school year.

# Annual festival 'jazzes up' Front Street



Other members of The Classic Rock All-Stars are Mike Pinera of Alice Cooper, Jerry Corbetta of Sugarloaf and Dennis Noda of the Headhunters. The Classic Rock All-Stars will perform on the Front Street stage at 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday.

The festival will also host something new this year: a craft fair, open from noon until about 7 p.m.

Assistant Main Street Manager Jessica Breaux said, "People really enjoy craft fairs, so this was another way to attract new visitors to our

Visitors to the festival will also see popular local and regional acts on stage, such as Rivers Revue, Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs and Billy O'Con and the Yardcats. Other performances include the four Natchitoches Star finalists, the NSU Jazz Orchestra, Wayne Toups and Zydecajun, Trini Triggs and the Louisiana Mojo Queen.

"With the three different stages of music, someone will always be able to find something they like to

listen to," Breaux says. The festival will also feature a 5K and one-mile fun run through downtown Natchitoches starting at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$20 for the 5K run and \$15 for the fun run. The fee includes refreshments and a race to shirt. For more information, contact Billy Joe Harrington at (318)

Admission for the festival is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with an ID. Children under 12 are admitted free. There will be food vendors, and no ice chests or food can be brought into the festival area. For more information on the festival, contact Jessica Breaux at (318) 357-3823 or visit natchjazzfest.com.

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# Get in shape by semester's end

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50 your new year's resolution dn't stick. Don't give up. Summer is still far nough away to do something

Think stringy, think bikini, think nkini. By losing about 1 to 2 ounds a week in 10 weeks, you ould be 15 to 20 pounds lighter nd decrease body fat by about 4

Impossible? No, you just need a lan. We consulted Matt Parrott, a norts and exercise psychology ctoral student at the University Kansas, and Jonetta Stewart, cowner of Scott Fitness in Kansas City, Mo., to help us (and you) lose weight by pool season. Each week ou'll do a cardio workout five days a week. On two to four of hose days, you'll add toning exerises. And you'll get two days off. Ready?

It's time to dissolve the Thighs and abs and arms) of March.

Prepare. Some people might want to buy cute athletic shoes. Or oin a gym. Eat less. And eat better: fuits, vegetables, whole grains, ean protein.

While your body detoxes from ast food and candy, go ahead and et your heart pumping with some ght cardio exercises and stretchng. Walk around the block at a

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By Andrea Lorenz brisker pace than usual. Take the when your form becomes sloppy. Knight Ridder Newspapers stairs, park far from the door and jump rope or do jumping jacks while watching television. By Sunday, your body will be ready for...

The first week of your workout plan has one purpose: to not discourage you.

Try for five days of cardio \_ brisk walking, jump rope, swimming etc. Find something you'll stick with. Each day, go for the recommended 30 minutes of moderate to high intensity exercise.

For those who cheat, or just like precision, set a calorie goal instead of a time goal. Parrott says: "You want to burn about 300 calories in each cardio session. How you do that is up to you." Go slow, go fast or increase the incline on the treadmill. There are mathematical equations to figure out how many calories you burn, but the easiest way, Parrott says, is to use a treadmill at first to gauge the intensity level needed to use 300 calories.

On two of those days, add toning exercises. You never want to work one part of the body without working the opposing muscle group. For example, work the triceps, but don't neglect the biceps. Same goes for the back and chest.

Don't do the toning exercises two days in a row. And don't strain yourself so hard that you dread nine more weeks.

We won't give a specific prescription for how many to do. Stop metric

WEEK 2 Every body is different. Progress at the pace that works for you. By

the second week, you might be able to add more toning exercises and increase reps.

For cardio, try interval training. Parrott says varying the intensity level of a workout maximizes calories burned. Instead of exercising at a steady level, push yourself to the limit by increasing resistance or speed, then recuperate with a lower intensity level. Keep going until you hit the calorie goal.

WEEK 3 Muscles work harder when under contraction. So during strength training, you want to increase the amount of time the muscles contract. Parrott recommends a few ways to vary the exer-

Instead of doing 10 constant, fast bicep curls, do sets of one-and-ahalf reps. First, do one entire bicep curl. Then do half the contraction. For a half bicep curl, you would bring the weights only to your belly button.

Concentrate on isometric holds. When squatting, hold the pose for 10 seconds.

Vary the speed of the exercise. Do five or 10 exercises super-slow. Really take your time.

When the muscle is contracted, add a few short pulses.

The more advanced can try plyomoves. Plyometrics involves the rapid stretching and contracting of muscles. One example is to do a squat and as your body ascends, jump. Or when you complete a push-up, spring up, making your hands leave the ground. Another example is the drop jump. Jump off a bench, squat, then jump forward as if you are doing a long jump.

#### **WEEKS 4-6**

You have only a few weeks left, so to make the most impact, Parrott recommends circuit training. Combine strength-training exercises with cardio to keep your heart rate up throughout the workout. Do squat and lunge reps, then without resting, immediately jog in place or jump rope for five minutes. By alternating cardio and toning exercises, you will burn more calories while saving time.

Think you're done? Keep it up and next March won't be nearly so

#### SHAPE UP

Wall squat: With a stability ball between your lower back and the wall, bend knees and hips at 90degree angles. Keep your weight in your heels and your knees behind your toes. The ball protects the back and ensures proper form. Advanced: Hold weights in your hands or use a barbell on your

Side to side: Do a sit-up halfway. Holding a weighted medicine ball (or weights) close to your body, Your arms should not move. Advanced: Do this exercise with your legs lifted. You'll feel the burn.

Straight-legged deadlift: Bend over at the waist while holding a medicine ball or weights. Keep your legs and back straight. Use your hamstrings (the backs of your thighs) to pull yourself to a standing position, while keeping your back straight. This exercise works the hamstrings and glutes.

The bicycle: Researchers at San Diego State University found this maneuver to be the most effective ab exercise. Lie on your back with hands lightly clasped behind your head, keeping your elbows straight out. Lift the legs. Pull one knee in and rotate the torso so the opposite elbow meets that knee. Repeat on the other side. Do this exercise slowly to see the most results.

The fire hydrant: It might look silly, but this one works. Get on your hands and knees and, keeping the knee bent, lift one leg to the side. Pretend you're a dog. Keep your back straight. Feel that in your

Push-up: This old favorite from gym class (NOT!) is still a great upper body workout. Beginners can start with their knees on the ground and work their way to a full push-up. The lower back should not sag, and the torso should be firm. Advanced: Prop your feet on a stability ball. Or hold dumbbells in your hands and as you push yourself up, pull back

twist your torso from side to side. one dumbbell at a time as if you're starting a lawnmower in slow motion.

> The mammal walk: Strengthens your abs and back your core. Get on your hands and knees, with hands directly under shoulders and knees under hips. Keep your back straight. Raise one arm and the opposite leg and hold them out straight for 15 seconds. Switch sides. Advanced: Pulse your arm and leg up and down at the same time. Or hold a weight in your

#### WHAT YOU NEED

Motivation helps. Find a workout partner, buy a cute outfit, do anything that will encourage you to work out.

If you're willing to spend some money, fitness expert Matt Parrott recommends hiring a personal trainer for at least one session. Ask local health clubs or go to the listed Web sites to do a search in your area. Paying for 10 sessions might not be necessary for everyone. Ask the trainer to teach you stability ball exercises for an hour. Or set one session per week for a month. You will learn exercises you can do on your own, plus you will have a set time that you must work out.

A home gym can be as elaborate or simple as you want. You can buy a treadmill or just a jump rope to use when the weather is bad. A stability ball should cost about \$20. Parrott also suggests having a set of adjustable dumbbells.

# Spring 2005 Student Activities Board calendar of events

April 4: Meet M.J. and Sarah from MTV's the Real World in the Student Union Ballroom from 1

April 5: Hollywood Dress Drive - Donate previously owned dresses and purses to the Girls

Home: Watch for donation boxes around campus

April 6: Pamper yourself with free massages, oxygen bar and gel candle-making in the Student Union Lobby from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

April 7: Crawfish boil, T-shirts, bands, rock climbing wall, NASCAR simulator and tons more; 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the football practice field near Prather Coliseum.

April 11 - 15: Non-traditional Student Week

April 11: Free snacks, goodie bags and T-shirts in the Life Long Learning Center 9 a.m. to 11

April 12: Picnic at Chaplains Lake for non-traditional students with children 5 p.m.; tie a Yellow

Ribbon Day - wear yellow and support our troops!

April 13: Free snacks for night class student in TEC building 6:30 p.m.

•April 14 - Meet and Greet in the Life Long Learning Center of the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

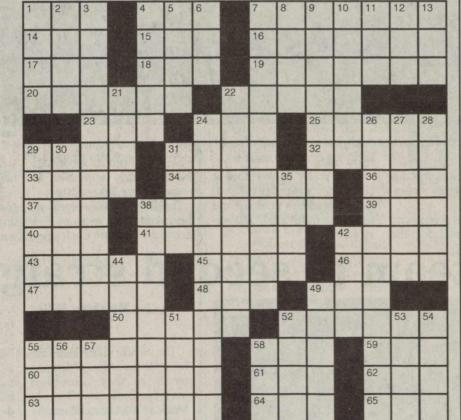
•April 18 - 22: Greek Week - Penny wars all week from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union; Dan Adhoot, Crank Yankers Comedian from Comedy Central; Greek Picnic 11:00 a.m.

•April 19: Messy Games at 2 p.m. at the ROTC Field; Ken Jennings, All-Time Winningest Jeopardy Champion will play Jeopardy with students in Magale Recital Hall at 7 p.m.

 April 20: Fun and Games - TBA •April 21: Strut 6 p.m. at Prather Coliseum

•April 22: Service Project for St. Jude Children's Hospital

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Justin Hebert The Full

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#### **Kicking** off spring

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If you happen to be walking around Turpin Stadium during the next couple of weeks you may be blessed with the sound of pads popping and helmets banging, or you may be able to rejoice in the echoing of a barking coach.

Defending Southland Conference football champion NSU will be kicking off their spring practices Wednesday.

The practices last through April 23 when they hold the 16th Annual Joe Delaney Bowl Spring Football Game.

2004 Southland Conference and All-Louisiana Coach of the Year Scott Stoker will be returning 14 starters to lead his explosive offense and least year's nationally second ranked Purple Swarm defense.

The April edition of American Football Monthly named Stoker, a recordbreaking quarterback when he played at NSU in the late 80's, among the top 30 recruiters in all of college football.

The Sports Network, a top source for Division 1-AA football news, has also ranked NSU's 2005 recruiting class as the fourth best in the nation.

Matt Dougherty, the Sports Network 1-AA editor notched Sean Santos, the New Orleans catholic school all-time leading passer from Holy Cross, the top high school recruit that signed with a 1-AA school, while ranking Mississippi State transfer linebacker Marvin Byrdsong the No. 2 transfer to a 1-AA program.

Santos, who finished high school with 8,355 yards and 77 touchdowns, will be joining the Demons last season's quarterback Davon Vinson. sharing playing time with Connor Morel, who transferred to Louisiana Lafayette, Vinson managed to throw for more than 1,000 yards in an offense that gained over 3,000 yards on

the ground.

The Demon's rushing attack saw the departure of the 2004 SLC Offensive Player of the Year and NSU's all-time leading scorer Derrick Johnese, as he enters the NFL Draft, along with fullback Issa Banna and offensive linemen Mike King and Greg Buckley.

But don't worry. The Demons will be returning starter Shelton Samson, who split time with Johnese last season picking up 678 yards and 11 touchdowns averaging 5.1 yards a carry.

Backups Greg Skidmore and A.J. Frankilin who each added over 200 yards and a couple of scores will also help the Demon rushing attack.

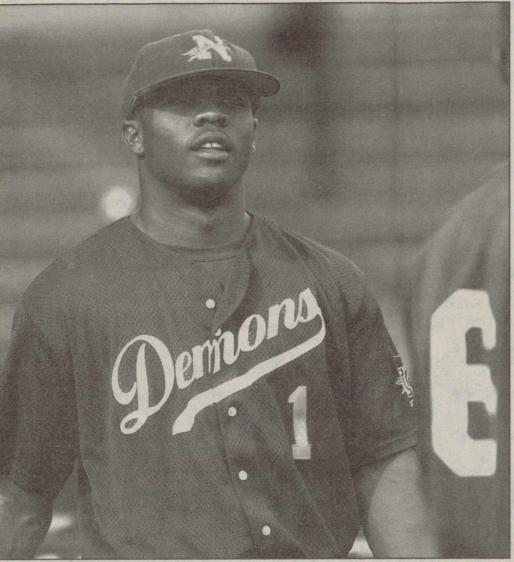
For the Demons' Purple Swarm defense they will enjoy the return of seven starters, including four All-American candidates in defensive linemen Ed Queen and Tory Collins, and defensive backs David Pittman and Russ Washing-

Byrdsong will be filling the shoes of 1-AA All-American Jamall Johnson, in a linebacker group that will also see the return of two-time SLC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Paul Mefford.

I would also like to say good luck to Johnson, Buckley, Banna, King, Johnese and the rest of the Demons hoping to make it in the NFL as they prepare and go through the draft.

# Demons on top of SLC(

Midway through the season coach Mitch Gaspard and his Demons are undefeated in Southland Conference action.



Leslie Westbrook/ the CURRENT SAUCE Demon pitcher Rusty Jones started the game against Lafayette going six innings, giving up four runs on eight hits and four strikeouts but didn't get the win after ULL made a ninth inning comeback. By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

Playing top quality opponents on the road can be a any sport, but Demon baseball coach Mitch Gaspard believes the experience will be one of the biggest keys to success for his ball club, especially when facing Southland Conference foes.

'After 30 games, to be 21-9 with the schedule we've played, and as much as we've been on the road playing high-caliber competition, obviously we're all pleased with where we're at right now," Gaspard said.

Besides the 21-9 record, the Demons have managed to jump to a perfect 6-0 start in Southland Conference play, sweeping in-state rivals started a four-run rally. Southeastern Louisiana and Louisiana-Monroe.

of first place in the SLC.

A good note for this NSU squad is that all nine of their losses have come on the road and seven of them have been have against ranked opponents.

The seven losses include three to Wichita State in the opening weekend, Ole Miss and Tulane, and two losses to Louisiana-Lafayette.

The latest of those defeats Baylor and Oklahoma. came Tuesday night in Lafayette at the hands of the Ragin' Cajuns who were down to their last out of the tough test for any team in ballgame before they came up with the win.

In the bottom of the ninth inning ULL came up with a run on a sacrifice fly with one out, and then a two-out play with anybody in the RBI single up the middle gave Lafayette the 6-5 win as they improved to 23-5 on the year. Demon reliever and desig-

nated hitter Blake Jones was given the loss after coming on in the bottom of the seventh in relief of pitcher Rusty Jones, but went two for three at the plate with two RBIs, including a solo home run in the fourth that got the Demons on the board and NSU third baseman

Hunter Thoms went two for They sit in sole possession four with two doubles and an RBI while center fielder got his first collegiate home run in the contest.

Although the Demons upended by these tough teams a few times this season, they have also managed to play the role of giant killer themselves defeating teams such as St. John's, Ole Miss,

"I think we have learned from our wins, and we've learned from our losses, and I think that's why we've become a better team throughout the season, Gaspard said. "There is cer. tainly an inner confidence within our team that we can country, and I think we've proven that with our sched.

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Gaspard will be looking for the Demons to continue to have that confidence as they go on the road this weekend to face the Texas State Bobcats in San Marcos Texas in a three game series.

The Bobcats are 19-10 overall and sit at second place in the SLC with a 42 mark.

TSU has notched wins over Nebraska and a 12-1 drumming of Baylor.

They are led by second baseman Nolan Mast who is batting .369 with five home runs and 26 RBIs, and third baseman Kyle Anson who seen themselves has a .346 batting average with four home runs and 29 RBIs.

The Demons will return home when they host SLO opponent McNeese in three-game series April 8-10.

# impressed with team's performance

By Adam Hymel Sauce Reporter

Picked to finish fourth in the preseason Southland Conference polls, it's a safe bet that the Lady Demon softball team has turned many heads this year, even their own.

"We're definitely ahead of where I thought we'd be' head coach Mike "Pooch" Perniciaro said.

The Lady Demons, with a 26-15 overall and 12-3 Southland Conference record, find themselves in sole possession of first place at the midpoint of the season.

Perniciaro said he has been impressed with the team chemistry and unity.

The Lady Demons are batting .297 with 35 home runs this year. That total has already surpassed last year's

Sophomore Margaret Patterson attributes success directly to Perniciaro who was the hitting coach at Auburn before coming to

"He's changed my swing a little bit and the results are there," said Patterson who is batting .365 with nine home runs and 23 RBI's. Senior shortstop

Hunt has also been terrorizing opposing pitchers as she leads the team with 11 home runs and 33 RBI's. The pitching has also been

dominant this year with senior Loni Rasberry going 15-4 within 2.36 ERA and sophomore Amanda Glenn with 4-4 and 2.57 leading the way. Rasberry leads the South-

land Conference in wins while Glenn tops the league in saves with seven.

"We are playing with a lot



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SA Demon softball head coach Mike Perniciaro talks with his squad between innings during their victory over Louisiana Monroe last weeken

come together this yea,." team unity. Rasberry said about the difference between this season

of confidence and have really most of the credit for the ry said.

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"He really knows how to coach us; he expects a lot but he always stays positive and Rasberry gives Perniciaro keeps us motivated,"Rasber-

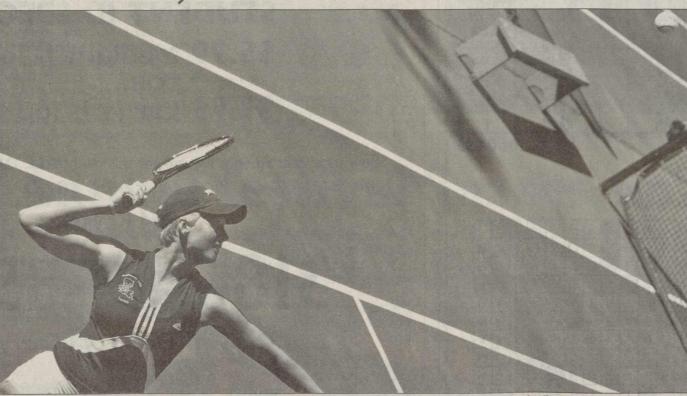
NSU will put its record on the line this weekend at home against Texas State.

The Bobcats are second in the conference with a 10-4 record and feature the league game Sunday at 1 p.m.

strikeout leader in Katie Tra-The Lady Demons Wil

play a doubleheader Satur day at 1 p.m. and a single

#### Zerwick, Nieto lead team to second straig Also in singles, Villega



Leslie Westbrook/ the Current Sauce Senior Anneline Zerwick led the Lady Demon tennis team Monday against Centenary with a singles win and a doubles victory with Alex Nieto. By Matthew Miller Sauce Reporter

The week started beautifully for the ladies of Demon tennis as they triumphed over the Centenary Gents in Monday's set of matches.

This is the Lady Demons' second straight victory. The Demon's singles and

doubles came out on top, as the girls were almost flawless in their matches. NSU's Anneline Zerwick, a

senior, defeated her opponent in the No. 1 match 6-3, 6-0 to match with Zerwick and Alex Nieto's No. 1 doubles 8-5 victory over the Gents.

In the No. 2 doubles matchup NSU's Fernanda Silve and Magali Van den Bergh defeated Centenary 8-3, and Catalina Villegas and Camila Prado were also winners in their No. 3 set 8-0.

trounced her opponent in the No. 3 match 6-0, 6-1, Van den Bergh defeated her opponen 6-0 in two sets in the No. match, and in the No. match Marcia Alcantara als defeated her opponent 6-0,6 "Although these matche

helped our team realize that we are much better than of record shows." Prado said. The Lady Demons WI resume conference play Sat urday with a match

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McNeese State. Head Coach Willie Pa

said the team is like a famil "The confidence and inst

ration shown by our plays does not match our stru gling record," Paz sa "Hopefully all our hard pra tice will pay off in the new

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through the NSU ticket offic by calling 357-4268 or online at nsudemons.com.

# The NSU Athletic Associa- TNA superstars such as for- D Low Brown, Jazz, Rodney



By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

Prather Coliseum will be one of the stops of The Worlds Collide 2005 Southern Tour today when many stars of wrestling past and present come to entertain.

event, and partial proceeds will benefit the NSU Athletic Association Scholarship

Headlining the event will be WWE, WCW, nWo and

tion and Media South Pro- mer WWE World Champion ductions will be hosting the and Hardcore Legend Mick Foley and past WCW World Champions "Diamond" Dallas Page, Lex Luger and

> The show will also feature Buff Bagwell, Disco Inferno,

Mack, Erik Watts and many others.

Ringside VIP passes, which will be limited, are on sale fore \$100 and will include a T-shirt and a pass to meet with the wrestlers before the event. Floor seat-

which will be the chairs will orange backs, will be and general admission tion

Tickets can be purchase



# **NSU Crew** racks up

Team won 29 medals so far this year. Sports, page 6

# Is eating late not that great?

Students discuss their midnight snacking habits Life, page 3



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#### Sauce on the Side

#### Phi Mu bandstand Saturday

The Kappa Iota Chapter of Phi Mu at NSU is bringing the beach to downtown Natchitoches this weekend with Bandstand at the Beach.

The bandstand is a fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network. The concert will take place on the Natchitoches Riverfront Stage April 9 from 1 to 10 p.m. There will be a \$5 entrance fee. Door prizes will be given out throughout the day.

Bands such as Unit 1, Stik & the Mud, BCM Praise Band, The Silly Goose Documents and The Front Street Project will perform. DJ Bobby Rooney will play

All proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network of St. Francis Cabrini in Alexandria.

Savanna Mahaffey

#### Improv. troupe to perform

Out on a Limb, the NSU Theatre's improvisation troupe, is scheduled to perform at the Natchitoches Arts Center Saturday.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. and is recommended for mature audiences only. No admission will be charged, but attendees are encouraged to make donations to support the troupe.

The 10 members of Out on a Limb will perform a variety of sketch comedies. Several of these will require audience participation.

The arts center is located at 716 Second Street next to City Hall.

For more information, call Scott Burrell, associate artistic and managing director of NSU Theatre, at 357-

#### Fest poster contest underway

The Natchitoches Arts Council is accepting potential designs for the 2005 Christmas Festival poster.

Artists who are interested in entering the contest should submit a painting or drawing that follows this year's theme, "Cane River Christmas."

The submission must be 18 inches wide and 24 inches tall. If selected, the painting or drawing will become Property of the Natchitoches Arts Council, and the artist will receive a \$600 commission.

For more information, call Karen Terrell at 357-0807 or 352-6925 or call the Office of Community Development at 357-3839.

**Danny Jackson** 

#### Business dept. raffles off car The NSU College of Business is raffling off a 2005 PT

Cruiser Turbo Convertible.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available through May 9. The car is on display between Russell and Boozeman halls.

Tickets are available from members of the following NSU organizations: the football and softball teams, crew, Phi Mu, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, the Accounting Club, A.I.T.P. and Students in Free Enterprise.

Ticket holders do not need to attend the drawing to

For more information contact Terry Bechtel at 357-

#### **NSU** to host Research Day

NSU will hold its 18th annual Research Day Tuesday in Russell Hall. The NSU Research Council sponsors the event, which is open to the public.

During Research Day, NSU faculty and students share some of their current work. Presentations begin at 8:30

The event will also feature keynote speaker Isaiah M. Warner, vice chancellor of the Office of Strategic Initialives and Boyd Professor and Philip W. West Professor of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry at LSU.

Warner will speak at 10 a.m. The Mildred Hart Bailey Award will be presented after his speech.

For more information on Research Day, call 357-5222.

**Kyle Shirley** 75°/52°

# Low election turnout

Candidates hope for more voters today. McConnell, and Boudreaux drop out of treasurer race.

> By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

Despite fervent campaign efforts by SGA treasurer candidates, the total voter turnout for the first day of SGA/SAB elections was considerably lower than the first day of last spring's election.

Treasurer candidate Matt Bartley, who spent the majority of the day campaigning outside of Friedman Student Union, said he is disappointed with the turnout.

"We have a low turnout considering how many people we've talked to today," he said. "We talked to a lot of people today."

Bartley said he passed out 800 campaign flyers and between 200 and 300 campaign stickers Wednesday.

After the polls closed Wednesday, Election Board Chairman Fred Kuechenmeister said 299 students had

"We've lost a lot of voter turnout, but that's because there are not as many highly contested positions," Bartley

Last spring's elections included the presidential race between current SGA president Mindy McConnell and Dustin Floyd. There was a first-day turnout of 569 students.

Keuchenmeister is hopeful that the polls will be busier

"I think the turnout will be much better because the word will get out that elections are happening," he said. "Also, we might be getting a different crop of students who are around on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are different cycles for different times."

McConnell said she worked at the polls for about



three hours Wednesday. She said the voter turnout is consistent with elections in the

"Last year's election was significantly higher than the average turnout, so we're not expecting the numbers like we had last year," McConnell said. "The 300 figure goes along with what we usually

Treasurer candidate Ifrah the students to come out and

Jamil said she hopes a larger number of students vote

"Even though it's just a treasurer's election, it's still a very low turnout," she said Wednesday. "I guess we need to do a lot more campaigning to make sure we get a good number, because today didn't go so well."

"I just want to encourage

vote, because this is their opportunity to choose who is going to serve them fiscally."

MATT BARTLEY

#### Two candidates drop out of treasurer's race

McConnell and current SGA treasurer Beau Boudreaux filed for treasurer last week, but they both withdrew from the race before the polls opened Wednesday.

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# NSU not hiring new faculty

### Administrators waiting for information on state funding

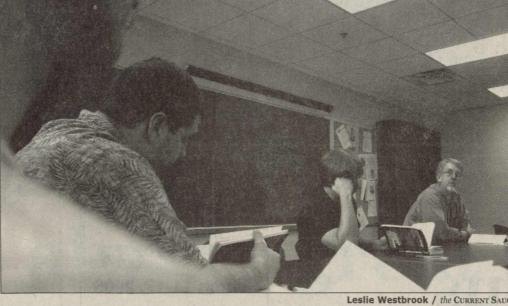
By Katie Lopez Sauce Reporter

The NSU administration is not hiring new professors until it receives word from the Louisiana Legislature on how much funding the University can expect.

Anthony Scheffler, who was NSU's provost and vice president of academic affairs when interviewed for this story, said, "It is not that the position will not get filled, it is just that we cannot fill the position until we get the OK from the Legislature. We plan our budget on what the state allows us to have."

Scheffler said some departments will lose faculty members at the end of the semester, but the University cannot hire replacements until administrators know how much funding they will

NSU President Randall Webb said the Legislature is aware of the University's budgetary concerns and has



Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE

Philosophy professor Fraser Snowden leads a discussion in a Scholars' College class. Snowden will retire at the end of this semester.

needed funding, but the funds are not available.

Scheffler said another factor contributing to the University's funding woes is the fact that NSU will adopt

By Cheryl Thompson ask if they were looking for a

been trying to secure the selective admissions stan- den said he will retire after dards in the fall. The new freshman class is expected to have about 600 fewer students than this year's class.

> Scholars' College philosophy professor Fraser Snow-

this semester, and is concerned that the University is not hiring someone to replace

Snowden said there is a "highly qualified" candidate

tion, but the administration has not offered him the job. Snowden said that when he retires the only remaining philosophy professor will be Keith Dromm. Dromm is not qualified to teach all the philosophy classes.

who is interested in his posi-

Snowden said he does not understand why the administration is hesitant to hire a replacement since new professors make less money than tenured ones.

"If I would have stayed another year, they would have had to come up with the money to pay me," Snowden

Frank Serio, head of the mathematics department, said there are four faculty members leaving his department this semester and he has not been allowed to hire new faculty. Serio said this could lead to fewer sections of some classes next semes-

Webb said these issues will be resolved by the fall.

### Police arrest suspects in campus burglaries

Sauce Reporter

Police have arrested two suspects in a series of burglaries that started about five months ago but have not recovered any of the stolen property because it was quick-Police said that the suspects

would approach a person and

particular item. If the person was willing to buy the item, the suspects would then rob a location where they knew the was then immediately sold to the person that had shown an It was "like making a shop-

ping list," said Natchitoches Police Detective Jeff Franks.

tion from a woman that had of the vehicles were on campus been interested in buying a DVD player from the suspects. When the woman received the the Natchitoches Police and Bossier Street. Department. Police believe the suspects

are connected to approximately 40 vehicular and residential checks that belonged to NSU

at the time of the burglaries, and some were in the Kappa Alpha parking lot on Second item was kept. The stolen item DVD player, she left without Street. Targeted areas included paying for it and turned it in to College Avenue, Behan Street Among the items stolen

were DVD players, television sets, stereos and two loan

Police discovered this opera- burglaries, Franks said. Seven students. The checks were cashed after being taken. Police know that at least \$20,000 worth of property was stolen, but Franks said the amount could be more.

One suspect is still at large but police believe they are close to making an arrest. Franks did not release the name of the suspect but said that he is not an NSU student.

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# Student groups have option of building on campus

Managing Editor

Student organizations will be able to have their own buildings on campus by next fall.

A project called Organizational Row will allow student organizations to construct buildings in the field between Caspari Street and Tarlton Drive and will run parallel to South Jefferson Drive near Greek

There is currently no completion date for the project, but building infrastructure is set to begin in May. The buildings will face Chaplin's

and parking at the rear. There are seven available lots, all approximately 120 by 150 feet.

Three or four organizations have already expressed interest in having a place on Organizational Row, said Jeff Mathews, director of student activities and organizations. This is the third time the University has started the project.

"We have a lottery system in place to ensure the issuing of the lots is fair," Mathews said.

A committee will decide on the rules and procedures for the student organizations interested. Any

By Lora Sheppard Lake, with a new road for access organization that intends to build on Organizational Row must show that it is financially stable and able to pay for the University's lease on the land and infrastructure. The organizations will pay for the building construction, not student assessed fees. The land will belong to the University, but the organization will own the building.

Cost of the building and size will depend on the organization's preference. Regulations for the buildings have yet to be decided, but the proposed size for the buildings is 2000 square feet with a maximum

"The lots are big enough that they can accommodate anything that anybody can afford without it being unattractive," Mathews said. "A vibrant and viable Greek life can enhance the entire campus community. So you take that, put it with other organizations down there, impact for recruiting and reten-

Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, said that since the existing Greek Hill was declining, the University formulated a plan to offer an alternative option to campus organizations.

"It has always appeared to me that today it would be best for the University to offer such an option to any recognized campus organization," Seymour said.

The State of Louisiana indicated to the administration that Greek Hill could be a fair and equitable and you're looking at a positive place for any organization, Math-

> The Baptist Collegiate Ministries will be one of the first to build on Organizational Row. The State of Louisiana system policy says religious organizations can lease land from the University, Mathews said. BCM members have shown strong

support for the project.

Greek chapters are just as interested in the project as the other organizations.

The majority of them are excited to think that we need it (the build. ings and organizations) on our campus to be on par with other campuses. They think it's very positive," said Yonna Pasch, assistant director of student activities and organizations.

Much of the project is still under discussion, such as suggestions for leases, the architecture, building materials, landscaping, and build. ing regulations and restrictions.

# SGA plans recall referendum of recreation center fee

Editor in Chief

A \$5 student self-assessed fee meant to supplement funding to the NSU Recreation Center in the 80s may be discontinued with a challenge to the administration and a special student referendum next week, Student Government officials said.

Each semester full-time students pay a \$15 fee to support the center, which is located on the Highway 1 Bypass. Additionally, students pay a \$5 supplemental fee to the center each semester.

By Elaine Broussard This supplemental fee has been in "Since his presidency, every presiplace since 1983.

SGA External Affairs Commissioner Samuel Zumwalt said the fee was allocated to help pay debt incurred when the center was built, but it was only supposed to be in place from 1983 to 1987.

President McConnell said the removal of the fee was overlooked in 1987. However, in 1997, Luke Dowden, the SGA president at the time, discovered the oversight and tried to get the fee removed, she said.

"I think he was the first one to learn about it," McConnell said.

dent after him has tried to get it removed on the premise that it was supposed to be removed in the 80s

McConnell said several administrators have expressed concern over the possible removal of the fee, stating that costs of operation have risen, and the supplemental fee is still needed.

"We went in and examined their budget, and we have found places where they could cut spending and manage easily on the \$15-perstudent fee," McConnell said.

McConnell said the Board of

Supervisors rules state that any student self-assessed fee can he subjected to a recall referendum without Board approval. If students vote to remove the fee, it will automatically be removed the next fiscal year.

"The rule allows for there to be no interference from the administration," McConnell said. "Once students vote, whatever their vote

says goes." However, regulations at NSU require the approval of University President Randall Webb for any SGA legislation to go into effect.

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Sauce Reporter

The first two buildings of the new dorm are scheduled to be completed in time for fall move-in, and the third should be finished by Oct. 15, said Robert Silvie, a community assistant at the University Columns.

The dorm will be open to all students. A GPA requirement for continuing students will be enforced in price for a 12-month single-bedroom

Coordinator of Housing Felicia Young said University officials have not yet determined the exact GPA restrictions.

Students will have the option of choosing a one- or two-bedroom apartment.

The latest price estimate for a 12month double bedroom apartment is \$394 per month, Silvie said. The

estimated monthly prices for ninemonth leases are \$444 and \$394, respectively. Jon Holland, a community assis-

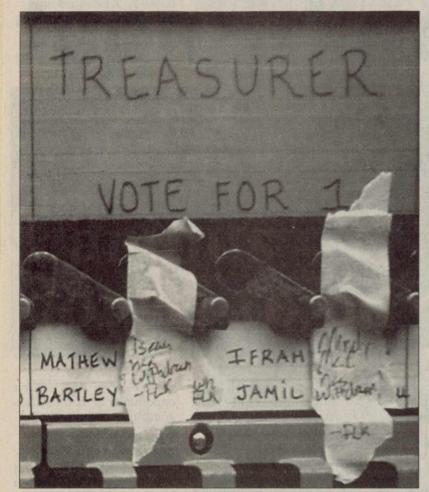
tant at the University Columns, said students who do not pay rent by the first of the month will be charged an additional \$30.

Although all the rules for the new dorm have not been established, Silvie said, "We're going to have basic stuff like, 'no pets, no alcohol, a strict no-drug policy.'

Smoking will be prohibited in the buildings, but will be allowed out-

Students will be required to obtain a parking permit from the University Police to use the dorm parking lot. Students interested in living in the

new dorm may contact the University Columns office at 357-7991 for



Masking tape obscures the names of Beau Boudreaux and Mindy McConnell in the voting booths in the Student Union Wednesday. Boudreaux and McConnell both dropped out of the race shortly before the polls opened.

McConnell and Boudreaux, who are both planning to graduate this semester, are supporters of Jamil's campaign. They both said they entered the race for Jamil's benefit.

Last week it was rumored that Jamil might be disqualified from the race by the Election Board. The SGA by-laws state that a candidate must have served on the senate for two semesters before filing for an executive office, such as Since Jamil was treasurer. appointed to the senate in the middle of the fall semester, the Election Board had to decide if she is eligible.

McConnell said last week that she entered the race in case Jamil was disqualified. She said if she was elected and later resigned from the position, the senate would have to choose the next treasurer, and they might choose

The Election Board ruled Tuesday that Jamil is eligible to stay in

"I dropped out of the race because I felt that now we would have a fair election," Boudreaux said. "Now we're going to have a race between two candidates equally qualified who have different opinions of what should be done as treasurer." McConnell said the Election

Board's decision must be approved by the SGA Senate and could be appealed to the SGA Supreme Court, but she is confident that Jamil will not be disqual-

"I didn't want to take away any votes from Ifrah, therefore I resigned to make sure she got the maximum number of votes possible," McConnell said.

Elections end today at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union lobby.

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# Campus dorms to be co-ed in fall

By Jamie Webb Sauce Reporter

All campus residence halls will be co-ed starting in the fall 2005 semester, and the price of a doubleoccupancy dorm room will increase.

Until now, Varnado, Dodd and Rapides halls have been single-sex, Coordinator of Housing Felicia Young said. Varnado and Dodd were all female, and Rapides was the only all-male residence hall.

Young said the plan is to make the entire east wing of Varnado male, but this will depend on how many male students apply for rooms there.

Some students say they will not mind the change, but others are against it.

"There's going to be a difference from the past semesters, but it won't be that bad," junior biology major and Varnado Hall R.A. Mia Poullard said. "They're going to restrict certain guys from coming because of the GPA requirements."

Another Varnado resident, freshman nursing major Themla Pania, had similar views.

"I guess it's fine. I mean, I used

to stay in a co-ed dorm last semester, so it's not that bad," Pania said.

Ansonia Means, a senior hospitality management and tourism major, said she is opposed to the "Guys don't know how to keep

things tidy - that's why Rapides is torn up. Varnado is the best it's going to be now because we don't go around punching holes in walls. Varnado is nice because it's quiet. Guys tend to be rowdy with their PlayStations. Varnado doesn't need any PlayStation tourna-

The other major change in NSU's residential life is the price change. The price for a double dorm room will increase from \$975 to \$1000 per semester, Young said. The price for a private room will stay at

Young said the housing rules for freshmen students will be enforced. All students under 21 will have to live on campus and have a meal plan unless they receive an exemption.

School officials are still planning to tear down Rapides, but no date has been set for the demolition.

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Left: Gretchen Johnson tries out scented oxygen at an oxygen bar in the Student Union. (Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce)

Below Left: M.J. and Sara spent three months as cast members on The Real World XV in Philadelphia. Monday, they visited NSU and shared their "Real World" experiences with students in the Ballroom. (Photo by Leslie Westbrook/the Cur-RENT SAUCE)

Below Right: Kacey Williams with the Body & Soul Spa from Alexandria gives Thorn LaCaze a relaxing massage. (Cheryl Thompson/the Cur-



# Spring Fling Week &





# Eating late not always great

By Claire Mayeux money, Sauce Reporter and Candice Pauley Sauce Reporter

Restaurant chains like Wendy's claim that people can "eat great even late," and the busy lives of college students prove this slogan true. With so many things to focus on like school, organizations, campus activities, work and relaxation social schedule time, not many college students have a large worry about their late trips to Hud- impact on his dle House.

Michael Pellegrin, a driver and customer service representative for Dominos, says that 85 to 95 percent of the orders after 11:30 p.m. are from college students.

"Many nights I deliver around 15 pizzas in a row to campus," Pellegrin says. "A large portion of our money comes from students who eat late at night."

Sarah Schwartz, a freshman fashion-design major, says that since she has come to college her eating habits have changed significantly.

"I wake up late without taking the time to eat and because I am on campus for most of the day, I do not eat until I get home, and I never know when that will be," Schwartz says. "My school work comes before eating."

Loreal Boutte, a junior theater major, says that money is a big reason for her unbalanced eating habits.

"If you are on campus or elsewhere you have to have money to eat," Boutte says. "If you don't have

have to wait until you get home.

Shane Moser, sophomore radiological technology major, says that boredom and late-hour eating habits.

"Since I have been in college, I have realized that college students do not have a lot of stuff to do

besides school so they eat at all hours," Moser says. "When I go out and drink alcohol, I get a whole lot hungrier."

Johnny Yates, a clinical executive physiologist with Natchitoches Parish Hospital and Basic Health and Fitness, says that lifestyle choices have more of a profound effect on life expectancy and individual health than anything on the

"Eating late will set up a precedent of thinking that it is OK to do this, but then students look back and realize that they are twenty pounds heavier," Yates says. "Eating at night has to do with irregular eating habits and convenience, and most convenient foods are not



Photo Illustration by Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

"When a person eats, their body goes through an energetic process, and when you do this when you should be in a restful state, and are not getting that much sleep, your recovery ability is not good at all," Yates says. "Habits, good or bad, are learned in 21 days, so it is much harder to unlearn something than it is to learn it."

While other students eat late due to bad eating habits, others find it more convenient to eat after "normal" hours, especially after a long night at the local clubs.

On any given Thursday or Friday night the Shop Rite on Keyser Avenue is teeming with people winding down after a long night of dancing at the clubs. Students and local residents stand around talk-

eating they while recap the events of the evening. Hours

dancing and club hopping can make a person hungry, and many students find themselves eating Other students eat late out of habit to keep themselves awake. Long, late nights of studying

demand fuel to keep students awake and alert.

Freshman Hospitality Management and Tourism major Milzokiya Wilson says she eats late because it is a habit. "Every night I'm eating a snack

at two or three in the morning," Wilson says. "I'll go to Wal-Mart, get some snacks and take them up to my room."

Typical snacks for Wilson are chips, snack cakes and sandwich-

"You're just up and have nothing else to do," Wilson says.

Junior Scholars' College student Michael Griffin says that after going to Yesterday's, a local club, he and his friends occasionally go to Huddle House to pick up a late night snack. Otherwise, Griffin

laughing says he eats late to keep himself awake to study.

> "When I eat, it makes me feel awake," Griffin says. "I eat around midnight or one just to keep

> There is a standing belief that eating late can cause excessive weight gain. However, many experts suggest that this commonly held belief is an urban myth.

"There is ... no evidence that eating at night itself causes people to gain weight," Elizabeth Kunkel, a faculty member of Clemson University in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department, says. "Weight gain is a result of eating more calories than are used, regardless of when those calories are consumed."

The body burns calories even when at rest. Most experts suggest that if a person plans to eat late it should not be out of boredom, habit or emotion. A person should only eat when he or she is hungry. Eating low calorie snacks late at night will not contribute to weight However, most experts agree that fatty, high calorie foods will contribute to weight gain because a person's body does not burn enough calories while at rest to make up for the large intake of

So, while eating late at night might not cause excessive weight gain, most nutritionists believe it is best to stick to a regular healthy diet--whatever the time of day.



### It's time to 'brighten' up

I absolutely love how men dress nowadays. I think it is great that guys are actually starting to give a hoot when it comes to dressing for class, a night with the boys or a nice dinner date with their honeys. My favorite part of the newly renovated men's wardrobe is the rainbow of colors of buttondown shirts and polos.

It is refreshing to see men shopping at stores like Express Men or Banana Republic and searching through racks to find the perfect Cerulean-colored dress shirt or a kissably-pink polo to go with their nicely fitting jeans or slacks. My boyfriend and some other guy friends informed me that it is getting much easier to purchase these colorful knit tops because you see them on "manly" guys on television or in the moviesso I guess it is getting more socially acceptable to wear rich, vibrant hues that accentuate the male personality.

Don't get me wrong. I can completely understand how it can be difficult to just walk into a store and pick up some hotcolored dress-shirt and just say, "OK, I'll take it." But like all things, this social dysfunction doesn't last long, and then you are completely set adrift with the rest of fashion America. Guys, let me tell you. When a girl sees a guy dressed up and he's got a little color to his ensemble, it first gives us girls the impression that you, of course, can dress. Secondly, it tells us that you are not afraid to be bold, daring—that it is completely OK with you to put yourself out there and be noticed. Believe me, guys, we girls know that you like to be noticed. We have sort of a "fifth sense" about it (if you don't get the joke, go see "Mean Girls").

My favorite colors for guys with dark, tan and olive skin are bright blues and greens, oranges and raspberry reds. These rich hues go great with olive skin because it brings out the pigments in your complexion more than pastels. Pastels can make tan skin look completely washed out and pasty. These colors look sexiest in buttondown collared dress shirts but can also look good in polos and sweaters (for those cool spring days).

Lighter colors look best on more peaches-and-cream colored males. For instance, a color that is really hot right now is baby pink or as I like to call it "dessert pink." This color is great because it brings out the natural pink pigments in pale skin and gives your complexion a quick and great-looking enhancement. Some other super colors for lighter skin are baby blue, creamsicle (an orangybeige) and yellow.

Just for the record, I think more guys should check out these colorful wardrobe pieces and give them a try. Not only is the effect attractive, it also gives your wardrobe a personality boost—and everyone can use one of those!



# How has the Pope's death affected you?



He will be deeply missed. He was a great man. The world really needs him at this time.

Raymel Poche, Freshman, General Studies

I do find it strange that a whole lot of people who never met him are in serious mourning.

> Jordan Ricks, Music



He lived life to the fullest . . . He changed the world. James Palmer,

Senior, Theater

The world lost a great man who spent his life furthering peace and educating not only Catholics, but people of all faiths.

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# NSU student remembers Wojtyla



By Steven Simoneaux

The world was shaken Saturday by the death of a man very few people knew. The entire world, not just those who knew him, felt the impact of the death of Karol Jozef Wojtyla.

This impact is still visible six days later as hundreds of thousands of people who have traveled thousands of miles wait in line for hours to mourn his passing.

As a college student in Natchitoches ,Louisiana, the death of a man thousands of miles away whom I have never met or even seen in person should not have any impact on my life at all. However, Wojtyla's life is one that I take as an example of how to live my own.
Wojtyla's death did not shake my world

because of his position, or because of his mas-

sive contributions to his faith, or because of his controversial views or even because of the many books or speeches he has written.

His death was earth-shaking because he lived and died as every person says they want to, standing up for his beliefs.

Wojtyla was not a man who made his views known and was never put to the test. At every point during his life he not only had to state his position but live his position even when his own colleagues fell to temptation.

Wojtyla was born in communist Poland where his faith was against the law, which forced him to form his beliefs underground. In 1981 he was shot for his beliefs in front of thousands of people.

He also had a significant role in ending the communism that suppressed his faith as a young man. Then, even in the last moments of his life Wojtyla was forced to stand up for his pro-life beliefs by choosing to be put on life support no matter what pain he was in.

This man was the opposite of so many stereotypes. He proved that educated people can be

religious having written a number of books and speaking a number of languages.

He also brought an entire faith back to its fundamental beliefs, which had fallen by the wayside through the years, through his teachings

Strangely, no one knows Karol Jozef Wojtyla even though they line up to view his body. Recent events have shown, however, that the entire world does know the man he has become, Pope John Paul II.

These events also show that his determination and strong will have touched people of every

Even though I have never met him or shaken his hand, his life has touched mine in ways that stretch far beyond my Roman Catholic faith. I pray that at the end of my life I have stood for a fraction of what John Paul II did.

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# The Middle Path

# Ideological diversity is not a problem



By Justin Shatwell

One of the catch phrases that has been kicked around the airwaves with increasing frequency is the term "culture war." Medical marijuana, gay marriage and, most recently, the Terri Schiavo case have all been cited as battles in this supposed conflict.

Apparently our country is split into two ide-ological camps that are locked in mortal combat from which only one can emerge. This is possibly the stupidest thing I've ever heard.

Those who acknowledge themselves as soldiers in the culture war clearly know little about the country whose purity they claim to be defending.

There are few things less American than espousing that there is a single correct American culture.

We as Americans have almost nothing in common with each other. Aside from American Indians, there is no group on earth that could be rightly described as being ethnically American. We don't share a common heritage. In fact, we don't even share the same history.

Our country is made up of refugees from every other place in the world. Each family has

its own story of where it came from and why it came here. Every other nation on earth is the ancestral homeland of someone in this country.

The beliefs and traditions of those places have been incorporated into the fabric of our society and are all equally a part of the American identity.

Our nation is not a homogenous mass. Despite the protests of some, this is not a problem. In fact, this is the greatest triumph of our

The United States is the home for all those who seek freedom. That is the only requirement. A person who descended from the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock is no more or less an American than a person who took their oath of citizenship yesterday.

This is the true potential of the United States that our populace has tried to live up to since 1776. I know that our founding fathers were all white men of generally Christian persuasions, but if they had intended their racial heritage and beliefs to be the one official American culture, they would have written that down in our Constitution.

Instead they left us with a document that guarantees the broadest amount of rights for every citizen, and the eternally challenging precept that "all men are created equal."

There is no single American culture, therefore there cannot be a war over it. Those who think their path is correct and seek to push their beliefs upon others by codifying them in law are nothing more than overly righteous fools

who mistakenly believe that the whole American Dream looks the same as that infinitesimally small facet they are familiar with. They are hurting our country; not saving it.

I, for one, refuse to go to war against any other American. I will disagree. I will argue. I will even litigate if necessary. But I will never fight. When we fight one another, one of us must become an enemy. One of must become evil and worthy of destruction.

We may disagree at times, but we are all fundamentally brothers and sisters. We share a desire to enjoy the benefits of living in this free and open society.

Our laws should ensure that no one's ability to do so is infringed upon by beliefs, fears or prejudices of another group, even if that group happens to be the majority.

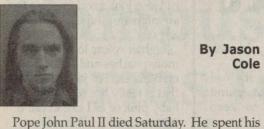
No ethnic, religious, or philosophical group deserves to be destroyed: not the atheists, not the Christians, not the homosexuals, not even the neo-Nazis.

So long as we never seek to do harm to one another, there is more than enough room for us to live together in peace, and more than enough personal cultures to the ineffable American

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### Death of pope detrimental to foreign affairs

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President Bush has remarked, "The world has

Karol Wojtyla set a precedent as the first non-

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Eliot reflect this sense of absurdity that gripped

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The controversial papacy of Pius XII obscured

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providing any social solutions.

protect his holy order. The tarnished image of the Western World in the darkness of the subsequent Cold War was set ablaze by the shining By Jason beacon of the now deceased John Paul II.

Pope John Paul was an active member of the social arena and supported numerous international struggles beyond the cloister of the Roman Catholic Church.

He was instrumental in aiding Eastern bloc countries oppressed by the Soviet Union, endorsing the movement for peace in Middle Eastern conflicts, and in recent years visited Fidel Castro to urge the dictator to ease the communist restrictions placed on worshipping practices of the true believers living in Cuba.

The pope has been one of the most influential figures in the last century for social reform since the French Marxist philosopher Jean-Paul

Much of this activism was the result of John Paul's background in Poland. I was introduced to this man when I read James Mitchener's best selling novel Poland while working as a librarian my senior year in high school.

The introductory chapter described how a working-class man opposed to Soviet interference was collaborating with union spokesman Lech Walesa and John Paul to resist Brezhnev.

I believe another scene in this novel reflects

what the passing of the pope means for the

During the Nazi invasion on Sept. 1, 1939, a family watching out their window awaiting the Germans look at an Iron Cross medallion they have possessed as an heirloom for centuries. It was acquired when their ancestors protected the village from invading Teutonic Knights.

The patriarch of the family observes, "Five hundred years ago we took this from the barbarians. Now the barbarians have come to take it back.

The people of Iraq and Afghanistan fought more than a century ago to remove the British occupational forces from their homeland to ward off Western interference. I am sure that now they share these sentiments, especially since one of their greatest allies for peace has slipped into the great unknown.

have not been receiving any responses since I indicated the secret agenda of the Intelligent Design movement. Does anything come to mind when you read this column? Write che.disciple@gmail.com if any you change your mind this week.

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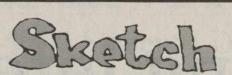
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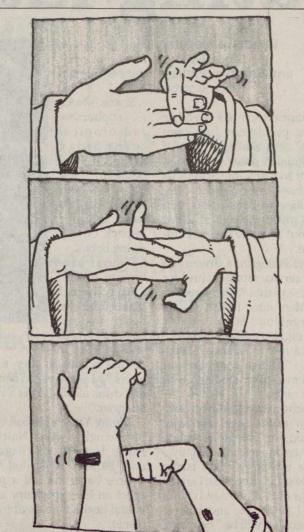
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By Connor Johnson



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Texas State took a 2-0 lead in the

top of the first of the second game and led the Demons for the rest of the contest as Texas State sophomore Sarah Lancour went four innings allowing three runs, and Trahan came on for the save striking out five hitters in three innings

In the third the Bobcats added two more runs to make it 4-1. Leading off the bottom of the fourth NSU sophomore Glenn knocked out her eighth home run center field wall on NSU's Glenn of the season to narrow the deficit, but two unearned runs by Texas State in the fifth helped the Bobcats extend their lead to 6-2.

after giving up four runs on six Sunday it took 10 innings to

Castellano picked up the loss

decide a winner when Texas State's Holly Britain stroked a two-out two-strike three-run double off the breaking a 1-1 tie to sweep the Demons with a 4-1 victory.

In an unbelievable pitchers' duel, the only runs scored in the contest until the dramatic 10th inning were solo home runs by NSU's Castellano and TSU's Wilson, her third of

Trahan got her second win against the Demons, pitching all 10 innings, allowing only one run on

four hits striking out 16 batters. Rasberry went five innings for NSU, and Glenn was given the loss pitching the last five innings and giving up the winning runs.

"Texas State is a good team, so it's not like we lost to a bad team," Perniciaro said. "It's obviously disappointing. But we will see them again in he tournament, and I like our chance in the tournament."

The Demons left eight runners

on base Sunday, totaling 22 runners left on the base paths for the week-

"Especially in the game on Sunday, we had chances," Perniciaro said. "We just didn't come up with the big hit, and they did; that's how they won that game on Sunday."

NSU returns to action this weekend as they travel to Lake Charles to face SLC opponent McNeese Saturday and Sunday.

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hat Webb would approve legisation to remove the fee, so the enate voted on this matter verhally instead of in a written bill. "We needed to find a way to handled." have the referendum without getting Dr. Webb's approval," McConnell said. "The only way we could think of to do that is in motion, so Dr. Webb can't sign or veto that."

McConnell said the only body that must approve the referendum now is the Student Self-Assessed Fee Oversight Committee, which she hopes will be able to meet before Wednesday. McConnell said in theory, if this committee approves the referendum, a special election could be held next week

"This hasn't been tried before," ment on the issue.

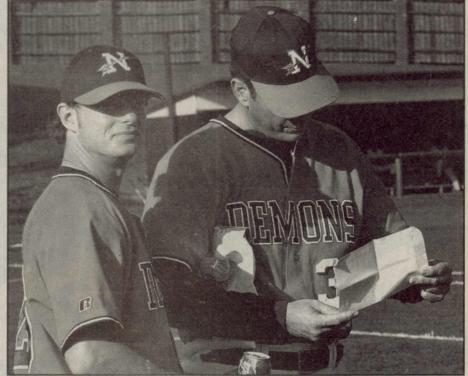
McConnell said she is doubtful McConnell said. "I'm hoping this will happen, but I know that the administration always tries to get sensitive matters handled in the way they'd like to see it

Zumwalt said, "Honestly, I think the administration is going to kill this, but we're going to put out a petition and try to get this to actually hap-

"We don't want to leave this for future SGAs to deal with. This issue has been passed down too many years already. People tend to forget what needs to be

At press time, SGA Adviser and Director of Student Activities and Organizations Jeff Mathews said he preferred not to com-

# Young talent, pitching big for NSU



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE Freshman pitcher Kyle Broughton entered the season as a reliever but has worked his way

By Jordan Ford Sauce Reporter

Kyle Broughton brings the heat to the Demon's rotation but does not take the credit.

"I credit my defense. It's one of the best I've ever been with", Broughton said about his teammates.

Broughton, a redshirt freshman, has succeeded when it comes down to the most important thing, and that's getting the big "W."

Starting the season in the bullpen and getting moved into the rotation a few weeks into it, Broughton has won five of the six games he has started, notching a 6-0 mark this season and has boosted the Demon's to an 8-1 record in the SLC with a 2-0 league

Coach Mitch Gaspard said, "He's just been very consistent and we've played good defense behind him."

Broughton threw against Louisiana-Monroe 51 of them were strikes.

In the game against Southeastern Louisiana, he threw 88 pitches and 52 of those were strikes.

But Broughton said he was still unimpressed, "It could be better."

"He's found a way to win every time", said Bobby Barbier, the Demon's first base-

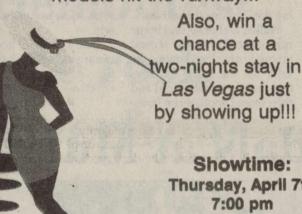
Broughton's style of pitching is simple but extremely effective. Broughton throws the heater hard and without mercy. Broughton has a nice slider but his fastball at 89 mph leaves batters speechless and hitless. Broughton, with an ERA of 4.42, might not have the best stats in the conference but a record of

eight wins and one loss

speaks for itself.

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into the Demons rotation.

# Hang there!

Only four weeks left!



# Theatre dept. presents "Moe"

Sauce Reporter

The Department of Theatre will perform Clarke Peters' Five Guys Named Moe April 6 – 9 and 12 – 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.

The play is about a young man named Nomax who gets a visit from a few guys named Moe. The guests teach Nomax lessons about

By Kaley Wilkins life, love and women through a series of songs written or recorded by rhythm and blues pioneer Louis

> This comedy is loaded with songs, dances and audience partic-

> Bryan Williams, a junior who plays Four-Eyed Moe, said, "Don't come prepared to think, just enjoy

The cast includes Kyle LeMaire, senior; James Palmer, senior; Bryan Williams, junior; Greg Williams, junior; and Jeremy Williams, jun-

"The joint's going to be jumping," said Palmer, who plays Big

Admission is \$10 but students get in free with an ID. For more information, call 318-357-4483.

# E' might not stand for 'excellent' anymore

By Katie Lopez Sauce Reporter

Recent studies have shown that vitamin E might not be as effective is previously thought in fighting leart disease and heart attack.

Connie Jones, an instructor at NSU and registered dietitian, said the vitamin E scare was somewhat premature. The study of people aking vitamin E was done on a group of men who already had heart disease or had a heart attack.

"The estrogen scare panned out the same way and it was not near the scare that people made it out to be," Jones said.

Eva Lonn, a McMaster Universiby cardiology professor who led the study, said that it is unclear if vitamin E actually causes heart allure, but she has a theory that high doses might disturb the bal-ance of naturally occurring antioxidants.

"Maybe Americans got overzealous with taking vitamin E," Jones

Union Monday.

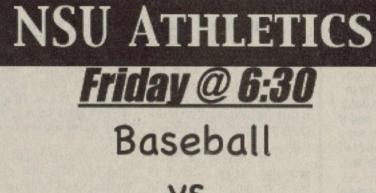
salad dressings, mayonnaise, margarine, shortening, butter, whole grains, wheat germ, leafy green vegetables, tomatoes, nuts, seeds

Jones said vitamin E, although previously thought, does not improve physical performance, enhance sexual performance, cure sexual dysfunction in males or slow the progression of Parkinson's disease. It also does not slow or prevent the process of aging, such as graying hair, or wrinkling

Jones said that people should examine why they are taking vitamin E and see if they really need it. The general public needs to pay

> more and take the natural rather than synthetic form of vitamin E because it is easier for the

body to absorb, Jones said. Jones does not recommend vitamin E for college students. She said that taking a store brand or national brand of multi-vitamin would be



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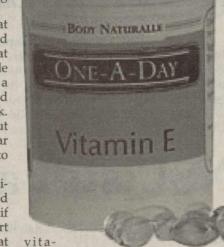
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min E they should cut back. We get all the Vitamin E we need from the foods that we eat, Jones said.

According to Nutrition Now, by Judith E. Brown, some of the foods If someone is taking big doses of that contain vitamin E are oils, fats,

#### Learning While giving Leslie Westbrook/tthe Current Senior Nicole Sullivan studies while donating blood in the mobile Lifeshare Blood Center vehicle in front of the Student





Justin Hebert The Full Count

#### **MLB** time is here

justin\_hebert137@yahoo For the first time this semester I would like to talk about something on a national level.

I could not be any happier that this week has marked opening day for MLB, although my favorite team, the Atlanta Braves did not fare so well dropping their 2005 debut to the Florida Marlins.

With school winding down, I find that there is nothing more relaxing than watching a baseball game.

I just hope that for this season I can hear about something other than STEROIDS

Lets get this straight; it's not that I agree with athletes using performanceenhancing drugs, I am just tired of having to listen over and over about what athletes did it and what MLB should do about it.

I'll tell you what they should do about it: random drug tests.

Do you honestly think testing an athlete once a year, when you tell him the date it will take place, he will not be able to find some way to get his urine clean?

That's kind of a joke. Obviously there is nothing they can do about people who have used in the past. But I do hope something is done to clean up the mess for the future, and that goes for every sport.

But I am absolutely tired of hearing about Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, or Jose Canseco. The only thing left for people to hear about on this subject would be that anyone found guilty of these accusations or admits to them would not be able to hold any records in MLB, and it would also be nice to see a ban from the Baseball Hall of Fame for any of these athletes.

This season has potential to be an enjoyable one if everyone could possibly get away from all of those distractions. Fans are irritated and tired of hearing the same thing about a bunch of cheaters every-

Along with all of the things I would like to see in Major League Baseball, I hope the hard-hitting Demon softball team will rebound from their recent drought and fight their way back to the top of the Southland Conference.

Coach Perniciaro has his club hitting better and harder than I have seen in my few years here at NSU. I just hope the success can continue especially when they reach the Southland Conference Tournament.

It would also be nice to see coach Gaspard and his baseball club claim their own SLC title, to add to our SLC football and men's basketball championships.

How nice would it be to win that many conference championships in one

The best thing about is that NSU is probably the most capable team in the conference to do such a thing, with the great athletes and coaches that go out there and compete at their full potential day in and day out.

Also, the NSU track team has been extremely impressive this season. It seems that every meet coach Leon Johnson has at least one of his athletes winning medals or qualifying for a regional meet.

# Back in swing of things

The Demons were swept this weekend by new SLC leaders Texas State, but rebounded by sweeping Louisiana Tech in a two game series Der

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

The NSU Demons returned to normal form Wednesday night at the Demon Diamond as they defeated in-state rival Louisiana Tech 6-5 and 3-2.

In the opening game NSU (28-20 overall, 12-6 in SLC) got home runs from senior Shay Hunt, sophomore Amanda Glenn and junior Katrina Walker to defeat the Lady Techsters.

"It was good to see Amanda Glenn, Shay Hunt and Katrina Walker have a great day hitting the ball and playing defense too," Demon head coach Mike Perniciaro said.

Louisiana Tech jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the second inning scoring a run on catcher Christine Echol's single to left followed by first baseman Carly White's threerun home run.

With two outs in the fifth, Hunt followed senior center fielder Nicole Martin's RBI groundout with a three-run bomb over the left center field wall to pull within one.

Glenn came on in the top of the sixth in relief of starting pitcher Loni Rasberry who pitched five innings giving up five runs on seven hits.

Leading off the bottom of the sixth, Glenn crushed a screaming line drive solo home run to tie the game 5-5. After second baseman Lyn-

dsey Gorski was retired on strikes, Walker delivered the knock-out blow with a home run blast of her own.



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce The Demons congratulate senior Shay Hunt, middle, as she crosses the plate after belting a three-run home run in Wednesday's game.

the contest, pitching the final two innings, striking out three batters and only allowing one hit.

"Amanda Glenn came in like she usually does and shut Glenn picked up the win in the door," Perniciaro said.

Three Demons each picked due finished with two hits ing the Demons the victory. up two hits in the first game. Hunt went two for three with a home run and three RBIs, Walker picked up two hits including her home run, and

and a run scored.

In the nightcap NSU scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a one-run lead right before rain started to fall first baseman Amanda Per- and the game was called, giv-

Walker hit her second home run of the day in the second inning to give the Demons the lead, but the Lady Techsters tied the game in the third and then scored another run in the

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Saturday, the Bobcats Texas State defeated NSU 6 and 6-3, while Trahan picket up a win in the first game and a save in the second. Traha struck out 20 Demon batter total, 15 in her opening game

"She's (Trahan) good," Per niciaro said. "She has three or four pitches that are really effective. She mixed up all a See Swing, page!

# NSU Crew takes four gold medals at Murray

The NSU Crew team has been making big splashes lately and this spring's squad is making their mark on history racing against top competition.

"We're having a great semester, we've entered 19 boats in competition and 15 boats have come in the top three. That's pretty impressive," NSU Crew president Jason Stelly said. "Each year since Alan (Pasch) has taken over we have broken our medal count, and so far this year our total is 29 medals."

This weekend they participated at the Racer Regatta, which is held in Murray, Kentucky, against the University of Missouri, Murray State University, and Rhodes Col-

NSU finished the competition earning seven medals out of the nine boats they entered, including four gold medals, two silver, and one

"We've never raced against

Stelly said. "We were hoping for bigger schools to be there, not saying they weren't good schools, but as small as we are we do really well.

Under coach Alan Pasch, who has held that position for nine years, NSU has never seen a rower win three gold medals at one meet, but this weekend they had two accomplish that feat.

Chambley Nick Michael Baker each won three gold medals in the Varsity Men 8+, Novice Men 8+ and the Novice Men 4+.

NSU Crew members raced in Varsity 8+, Varsity 4+, Novice 4+ and Novice 8+ categories of races.

There were men's and women's races in each category with novice races intended for first year rowers.

The men for NSU not only swept all four races, but also were gold medal winners in the four categories.

By Justin Hebert Missouri before, while wins for the men was in their Sports Editor Rhodes and Murray State Novice 8+ race where they gave us competition last defeated Missouri by 38 seconds. The closest an opponent came to NSU was in the Novice 4+, which they won by 16 seconds.

In the Varsity 4+ race NSU finished first by a total of 28 seconds, and the Varsity 8+ were victorious by 25 sec-

The Regatta marked the second time in two years the NSU men have swept all four categories; last year they did the same at Baylor.

Despite being hindered by boat problems throughout the weekend, the women of the NSU Crew turned in excellent performances of their own:

With two boats entered in the Novice 4+ race, NSU took silver and bronze, marking the only race in which the same school earned more than one medal.

The Novice 4+ A were holding a commanding lead when the fin that steers broke off, and they still finished sec-One of the most impressive ond behind Murray State by



The NSU Crew Team had a great weekend at the Racer Regatta at Murray State earning seven medals

only six seconds.

The Novice 8+ team took silver finishing two seconds behind Murray State, while the third place team was more than two and a half minutes behind NSU.

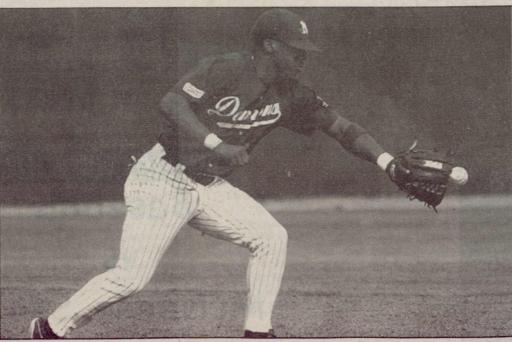
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#### punk. Getting it done on the road, NSU still atop SLO bring



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce

Demon second baseman Brandon Morgan makes a play in recent home-conference action. Morgan has been a big reason for the Demons success so far, Morgan leads NSU with 27 runs scored.

Sauce Reporter

The NSU Demon Baseball team will put its undefeated home record on the line this weekend when they host lastplace McNeese State in a three-game conference series.

After sweeping Southeastern and UL-Monroe and taking two of three from Texas State, the Demons find themselves on top of the Southland Conference standings.

Friday and Saturday NSU and Texas State swapped 5-2 victories in San Marcos.

Sunday the Demons made a dramatic comeback from a 6-0 deficit, punctuated by a three-run home run by second baseman Brandon Morgan in the top of the eighth defeating TSU.

The Demons traveled north Tuesday to play Centenary and shot to an 8-0 lead and then coasted with the reserves to an 8-6 victory improving NSU's overall record to 24-10.

The return to Brown-Stroud field will be a welcome home for the Demons as they have played their last nine games on the road and haven't played at home in nearly three weeks.

The impressive record sported by the Demons should be no surprise as they were picked to finish first in the always tough Southland Conference and over half of their losses have been to top 20 teams, all on the road. inning to secure their spot NSU also has several impres-

By Adam Hymel atop the Southland standings sive victories this year wins over top 20 teams Ba

lor and Ole Miss. The Demons are led Bones offense by Senior DH Blad Crazy Minior Jones who leads the Demo in all major offensive gories hitting .362 with 5 h The Si

and 36 RBIs. The pitching staff is lead Senior Daniel Lonsberry a 4-2 record and a team le ing 2.59 ERA. The pitch staff has also gotten a bo from a dominant bully with seniors Shawn Johnsh Danny Desclouds, and Blan Life Jones combining for a

record and a 2.20 ERA. The weekend series aga. the Cowboys will start Fric at 6:30 p.m. and will contin on Saturday at 2 p.m. lowed by the finale on Su day at 1.

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# S'I was so shocked.'

Demon linebacker survives lightning strike, earns new nickname.

By Kyle Shirley News Editor

Demon outside linebacker n reache II McMillan did not earn his hoice an new nickname, "Lightning rski rippe Rod," because of his speed rough the and power on the football infield field; the name is actually ner Daw quite literal.

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About 11 a.m. Monday, followin McMillan, a junior criminal game wa justice major, was on his way called du to get lunch in the Friedman Student Union. A thunderere holding storm was pouring rain on spot in the campus, so McMillan ence head stopped at his car to look for

t weeken an umbrella. on to the McMillan said he was an impres relieved when he found an nce play. old, forgotten umbrella in his econd place trunk. But moments later, as overall, 13 he was walking past St. Denis r ace Kati Hall, something happened their was that made him drop the to know umbrella as quickly as he

"I don't know if I heard the igue, while thunder first or saw the flash, third place but I know I saw a flash right Antoni where I was holding my State who umbrella," McMillan said. "Before I could get rid of the

it came all the way up to my

McMillan said he immediately realized that a bolt of lightning had traveled through his umbrella and into his right arm. As soon as the flash and boom of the strike faded away, McMillan did the only thing he could think of—he began to pray.

"That's all I could do: thank the Lord. Because it could have been a lot worse," McMillan said.

As McMillan stood dazed in the rain, an unfamiliar man approached him and asked if he was OK.

The man helped McMillan into the St. Denis lobby, where a worker tried to call the campus police station for help. The call could not go through due to a problem with the campus phone lines, so the worker called an ambulance directly.

Surprisingly, McMillan said the sensation from the strike affected only his right hand and forearm.

for about an hour I had tingling in my fingertips," McMillan said. "When the paramedics came, they suggested that I go with them in the ambulance to the hospital, but at the time I guess I wasn't thinking right, and I

decided not to go. But as it went on, my hand still tingled, so I decided it would be smart for me to go. "I didn't know what to do,

to be honest. I was so

Natchitoches Parish Hospital doctors examined McMillan and determined that he had not sustained any serious injuries. They gave him pain medication for his hand

shocked."

and released him. The incident Monday was not McMillan's first close encounter with lightning on NSU's campus. During the summer of 2003, McMillan said he was awakened from a nap in his University Columns apartment under unusual circumstances.

"I didn't know what hap-"My hand went numb for pened. I just remember some-

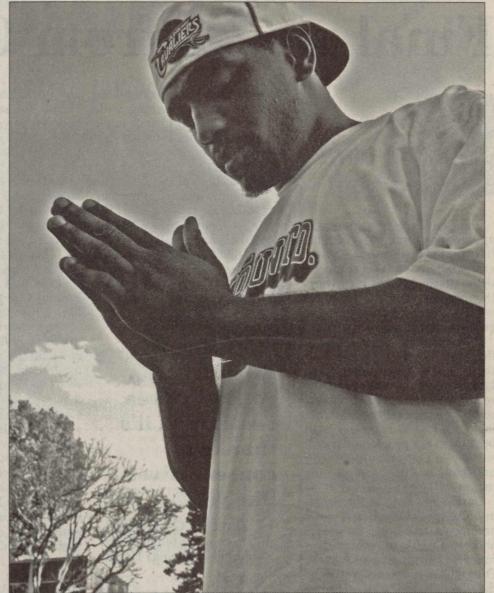
umbrella... I felt a shock, and about a minute or two. Then body knocking on the door, and they said that the house was on fire. So I grabbed what I could and I ran out," McMillan said.

Later that day, McMillan learned that a lightning bolt had ignited the blaze.

According to the American Red Cross's Web site, redcross.com, approximately 400 people in the United States survive lightning strikes every year; about 73 others are killed. Many of the survivors suffer from permanent disabilities including "memory loss, attention deficit, sleep disorders, numbness, dizziness, stiffness of joints, weakness and depression."

McMillan said he has done what he needed to do to get over the incident: he disposed of the one item connected to it.

"I threw that umbrella away," McMillan said. "I promise, it didn't stay with me an hour after that. Everyone was telling me to keep it as a souvenir, but every time looked at it, it was all bad



Cheryl Thompson / the Current Sauce

The glow of the sun surrounds TJ McMillan in this portrait taken Wednesday. McMillan survived a lightning strike Monday in front of St. Denis Hall. He said all he could do was pray after the shock

# Demonfest to rock riverfront Saturday

By Stephen L. Long Sauce Reporter

KNWD is set to rock downtown Natchitoches this weekend with its annual music festival, Demonfest.

The concert will commence at 1 p.m. Saturday on the riverbank stage, and bands from all over Louisiana will Hartley said. perform until 11 p.m. The show is an effort to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and expose area residents to more eclectic,

alternative music. Demonfest 2005, coordinated by KNWD staff members Elliot Westphal and Brad Hartley, will feature bands from Natchitoches, Alexan-Lafayette and Baton Rouge performing music from a variety of genres including rock, metal, jazz, hip hop and

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Natchitoches and expose people to it," Hartley said.

Hartley expects Demonfest 2005 to do better than the previous festivals. electronic, "weird, experimental band" from Baton Rouge will headline the festival.

"They're really good,"

A Natchitoches band, The Silly Goose Documents, will also perform at Demonfest 2005. Hartley described the band's music as "syncopated, off time mad-

solo and Other acoustic acts will play between band performances, Hartley said.

Westphal said KNWD plans to sell cold drinks and barbecue at the

Admission, as flyers announce, will be "as free as air," and anyone The purpose is to get can attend. For more information, contact

The Curbs with a K -

#### **Demonfest Lineup:**

Bones - Experimental jazz Crazy Josh Nee and The Minions of Doom - Jazz

The Silly Goose Documents - Math metal

quartet

Imagine I Am - Experimental Rap Zach the Rookie - Post

Pop/Rock

Acts start at 1 p.m. at the downtown riverfront,



Cheryl Thompson / the CURRENT SAUCE University President Randall Webb presented Kristine Coreil with the annual Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award Tuesday in Russell Hall.

### **CAPA** professor wins annual research award

By Shannon Harper the 17th and 18th century peri-

The Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award, given in memory of Mildred Hart Bailey for outstanding research or distinguished artistic and creative work, was presented on Tuesday during the 18th Annual Research Day in

Room 107 of Russell Hall. tine Coreil, associate professor of the creative and performing arts. In an e-mail, Coreil wrote, "My research and performances put together modern compositional techniques with

Sauce Reporter od instrument known as the 'natural horn."

The award, presented by Northwestern State University President Randall Webb, is research.

"I'm so shocked and surprised. I can't believe this. I'm very happy," Coreil said.

This year, the award was This year's recipient is Kris- also presented for the first time to a student for his outstanding research contributions. Sgt 1st Class Jerry Sanders, a senior history major, was not present at the time of the award, so

The award honors Bailey, who retired from NSU in 1989 after 25 years. She was the first president of the Association of Louisiana University Teachers given to leaders in their field of of Reading, received the NSU College of Education Distinguished Faculty Chair Award, membership in the Central Louisiana Reading Council and initiated NSU's graduate program in reading.

The research programs are evaluated for originality, national, regional or local impact, and scholarly or crethe award was accepted on his ative significance.

# Student art show now on display.



Cheryl Thompson / the CURRENT SAUCE Shelton Meacham received a second-place award in the Student Art Show for his painting Not So Close

Sauce Reporter

NSU's Student Art Society is hosting a Student Art Show upstairs in the Orville J. Hanchey gallery.

The Art Show includes paintings, sculptures, graphics and digital art. First, second and third place awards

By Kindra Watson category. The Best of the Show was awarded to Eliot Westphal for his sculpture titled Like a Broken Record, which is a display of records molded into the shape of faces. The sculpture also includes the sounds of talking people played on a record

The exhibition is open for were given to exhibits in each all to view. It will end April 22.

#### Art show winners:

**Painting** 

First place - Feel the Grass Grow by Cass Whaley Second place - Not So Close Chuck by Shelton Meacham

Third place - Clear Conscience by James Pipes Graphics

First place - Enemy by Caleb Irwin Second place - Ritual Horns

by Jess Lorick Third place - Midnight Blooms

by Leslee Toney Sculpture

Westphal Second place - Barocks by Elliot Westphal

First place - Untitled by Elliot

Third place - Habitat Loss by Shelton Meacham

**Digital Art** First place - Pandora by

Shanda Guillory Second place - Untitled by

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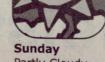
Chuck. The show will run until April 22.

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# **OPINIONS**

# Final words from Cole



By Jason Cole

The end of the year is approaching and our thoughts have turned to preparing for final examinations. It is time to demonstrate to our instructors that we are able to reproduce what we have learned over the entire semester.

People should keep in mind that there is another purpose for these lessons. We are being given basic tools for evaluation of the world that when used effectively result in analytical critical thinking. This is a necessary skill because many people in the outside world prey on those who do not look a gift horse in the

During my time at the Scholars' College I have heard many arguments from my classmates about the perils of archaic, dysfunctional institutions such as the Orthodox Christian Church or the Republican Party. Having grown up in the Bible Belt I am aware of how conservatives often are unwilling to consider things from an alternative perspective.

If you have ever read any of the columns on this page you can see that it is often the same case for self-proclaimed liberals.

The only self-described conservative columnist for the Current Sauce in the last year has been Thomas Hargis. He has not had anything printed since the beginning of the semester, but I do not see why anyone would bother

trying when other columnists an "intellectual" perspective. But comment on their writing with statements like, "If liberals think conservatives are stupid, it's thanks to conservatives like you"

honesty a mere book unlike any other, the source of their moral and economic system because it is supposed to be the "word of God." Yes, a significant number of Christians are staunch conser-

> "If liberals think conservatives are stupid, it's thanks to conservatives like you."

J. Aaron "Q" Brown, in reference to fellow Sauce columnist, Thomas Hargis

vatives who vote exclusively Republican. I graduated from Maranatha Christian High School in Longview, Texas, and was forced to attend Disciples of Christ First Christian Church every Sunday until I was 17, and I started leaving the building. But is this any reason to consider conservatives "stupid?"

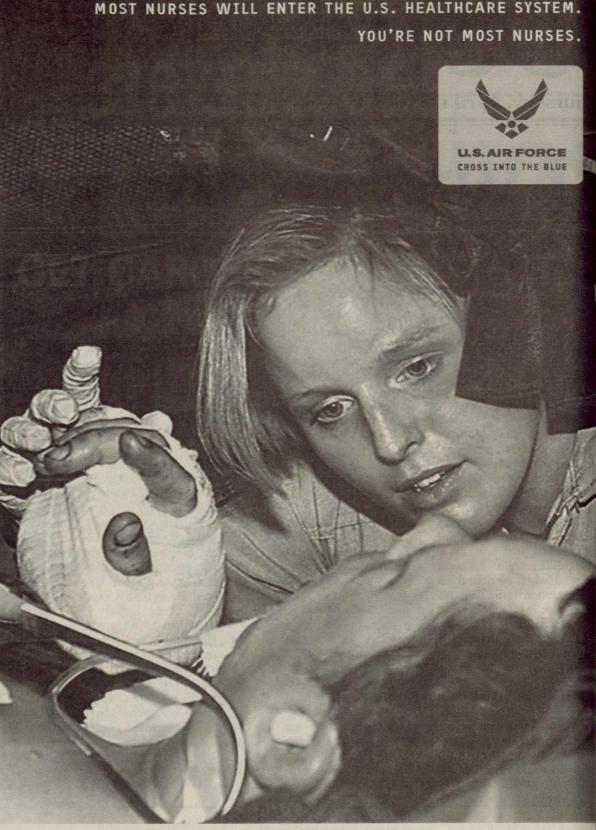
Members of liberal organizations can be just as narrow minded and tend to be more self-righteous because they have adopted

I fail to see the difference between fawning over Oprah's Book Club or attending a war protest rally and the kind of (i-55.com/~q). charismatic religiosity I wit-Yes, members of the Christian nessed as a child. Deciding to charismatic religiosity I wit-Right proudly affirm the fact that adhere to a belief on the sole they consider the Bible, in all basis of the background of the person who came up with it is never a good decision.

> Many of the communists in South America during the late 1960s raised their atheist icon Ernesto Ché Guevara to Christlike status after his assassination in 1967. Many even proclaimed that he would be resurrected to continue the revolution, screaming "!No lo vamos a olvidar! (We won't let him be forgotten)" in the streets of Santiago. Passionate fervor can cloud a person's sense of reality, whatever their religious views happen to be.

> This is my last submission because I have my own finals to prepare for and will graduate from NSU on May 6. I appreciated the compliments many of you gave me for my columns; I just wish I had received more responses. I hope I've given some of you on the left something to think about during the break between Aqua Teen Hunger Force and the Chapelle Show. Bush may have created a mess in Iraq that the American people will pay for in the long run, but there are many Republican Christians giving the right side a good name through their active mission work and foreign relief.

Jason Cole is a Louisiana Scholars' College student. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.



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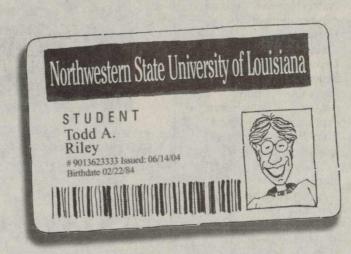


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# No 'biz' like 'showbiz'

NSU theatre department stays busy with spring productions

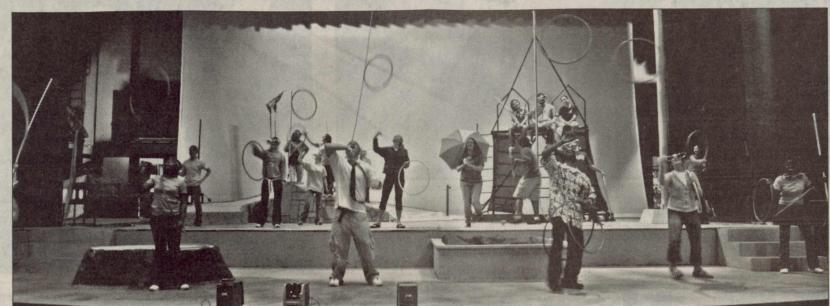
'A Journey Through Oz' By Katie Lopez Sauce Reporter

Audiences will go "somewhere over the rainbow" when they take a Journey Through Oz on April 20-23 at 7:30pm in the A.A. Fredrick's Auditorium.

Ashley Syll, a sophomore theater major and stage manager for A Journey Through Oz, said the play has the same situations of the movie but has more characters and a different concept of how characers are brought into the world of

A Journey Through Oz takes the audience through Dorothy's quest of wanting to read The Wizard of Oz, which is not her reading list at school. Dorothy's teacher decides the whole class should read the book and do a project on it. The class is not happy about that, and Dorothy is left to read the book alone. Dorothy falls asleep and is sucked into the book and into the world of Oz, Syll said.

The Emerald City, the Yellow Brick Road, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion and the Wicked Witch all still exist. There will be additional characters æ two mice who are the Lion's sidekicks. They are Queen Mouse, who is queen of the field mice, and Piedra who is the dumbfounded sidekick, Syll



Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce

Students dance around in a scene during rehearsal for A Journey Through Oz. The show will run April 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. in the A.

"The Wicked Witch also has sidekicks called the Winkies who are under the Wicked Witches spell," Syll said.

Jarrad Baker, a freshman theater major, will be playing the role of the Cowardly Lion. He said his character is not much different from the one in the movie, but he does bring his own unique personality to the

People should not come and expect to see the movie because; it is not the movie, Baker said.

Robert Patrick Robinson, a soph-

omore theater major, is playing the role of the Tin Man. He said his character is much colder towards the other characters then the Tin Man in the movie. As the play advances, he becomes warmer towards the other characters.

"I think that the writing form for my character is better in this version," Robinson said.

Luke Sexton, a senior theater major, playing the role of the Scarecrow, said his character has a British/Australian accent, and that is what makes him different from

the one in the movie.

What makes this play unique is that a student wrote the script, Sex-

Jacob Justice, the writer of A Journey Through Oz, said when he was asked to write an version of the Wizard of Oz, he was excited and had to write two scripts before he was finally satisfied with the final product.

Justice said he came up with the playground theme because all kids have playgrounds where they can

"We wanted to make the coolest playground in the world," Justice said. "The best thing about this production is seeing little parts of you in each character.

Justice said that he wants for this play to show the audience that reading can be an adventure. He wants it to pull people's creativity out and make them think they can do more in life.

There will be a 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. performance for the schools and a 7:30 p.m. performance for anyone

'Five Guys Named Moe' **By Chanel Savoie** Sauce Reporter ★★★★ and 1/2

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If, on the other hand, you want to laugh until you cry, sing great songs with the cast, watch a fantastic bit of acting and have the potential of being dragged up on stage, this play is the perfect way to go.

Five Guys Named Moe, directed by Pia Wyatt, opened April 6 in Theatre West in the Creative and Performing Arts building. It starred Gregory Williams, Jr., James Palmer, Jeremy D. Williams, Bryan D. Williams and Kyle LeMaire.

Five Guys Named Moe is an uproariously funny comedy-musical that features jazzy big band music by Louis Jordan. The "Moes" first appear singing to cheer up Nomax (G. Williams) who is distraught over love troubles. Later Nomax joins the other four to perform as a band in the Funky Butt Club.

When I went to the play Saturday night, the music in Act 1 was superb, with both funny and sentimental songs. G. Williams crooned "Early in the Morning," delivering a flawless opening performance.

The four Moes that came to help him (Big Moe-Palmer, Little Moe-J Williams, Four-Eyed Moe- B. Williams, and Eat Moe- LeMaire) gave an amazing rendition of their entrance song, "Five Guys Named Moe," that was so energetic I wanted to dance with them.

I. Williams' performance of "I Like 'Em Fat Like That," particularly his physical interpretation of the words, had some of the audience in tears and stitches from laughter,



Gary Hardamon/NSU Media Services

NSU Theatre's latest play, Five Guys Named Moe, will run tonight through Saturday at 7 p.m. in Theatre West. From left Gregory Williams, Jr. (Nomax), Jeremy D. Williams (Little Moe), James Palmer (Big Moe), Kyle LeMaire (Eat Moe) and Bryan D. Williams (For-Eyed Moe).

and his tap dance to "Reet, Petite and Gone" was impressive.

LeMaire, Mr. Ever-Hungry Eat Moe, and B. Williams, whose impression of a girl had the audience roaring, were hilarious. Finally, Palmer gave a performance that warranted nothing short of a standing ovation, which, by the way, the whole cast received immediately after the last note sounded.

The performance of "Azure Te" was beautiful and "Safe, Sane, and Single" had me, and some of the audience, humming it as we left. Nothing had people singing like "Push Ka Pi Shi Pie," though. Audience members flipped over

their programs to find the song's lyrics. They sang along with the

Act 2 was not as funny as the first act, but the cast's Funky Butt Club performance reminded me of American Bandstand, which was great. At this point G. Williams became one of the Moes, No Moe. The medley of "Hurry Home", "Is You Is Or Is You Ain't My Baby?" and "Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying" at the end of the act was gorgeous and led into a happy end-

I have to say that I have never been as impressed by an NSU or community play as I was with Five

Guys Named Moe. The acting was wonderful, the singing was magnificent, the dancing was energetic, the set was great, the props were hilarious, the costumes were perfect and the audience interaction was fabulous.

My only complaint is that the music was too loud, and the audience missed some of the lyrics to the songs. This is the only reason that the play only got four and a half out of five stars. Cheers to everyone who worked on this play!

Five Guys Named Moe, is playing through Saturday again this week at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West.

### 'Bandstand' fundraiser a 'miraculous' success

By Candice Pauley Sauce Reporter

The Kappa Iota chapter of Phi Mu at NSU hosted its second annual "Bandstand at the Beach" fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network last Saturday at the Riverfront Stage.

The Children's Miracle Network. is a nonprofit organization funded entirely by donations. On Saturday, Phi Mu raised \$1,132.44 to help their cause.

"Our money goes to buying IVs and cancer treatments," says Jo'lene Bonck, Phi Mu's philanthropy chair and sophomore social work

Because of this year's success, Bonck wants to make the bandstand a yearly tradition.

Several local bands played at the bandstand. Performances included Stik and The Mudd, Solomon's Porch, Unit 1, BCM Praise Band, Silly Goose Documents and Front Street Project. All of the bands that

played on Saturday donated their time to help raise money for The Children's Miracle Network of St. Francis Cabrini in Alexandria.

Stoney Brown, lead singer for the the band donated their time because, "It's for the kids."

Quayhagaen, guitarist for Silly Goose Documents said. "It's about the music."

"I think (the bandstand) is kind of important for Natchitoches. There's not much of a music scene here," Brown said.

The social aspect of the 'Band-Silly Goose Documents and junior stand' might be important for general studies major at NSU said Natchitoches, but for Phi Mu it is

"Service is in our heart," says "It's not about money," Rob Mandy Ward, a junior hospitality management and tourism major as well as a member of Phi Mu. "It's what we were founded on."



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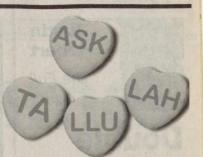
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# How young is 'too' young?

Dear Readers,

When spring and summer come around, it may seem like all you ever get in the mail is one wedding invitation after another. And as you get closer and closer to graduation, many of you are no doubt attending weddings of people you started college with freshmen year. In other words, your peers who are at most 20 or 22 are hosting some of these weddings. This all leads to the question of how young is too young to get married.

In Louisiana, by law, boys and girls are able to get married between the ages of 16 and 18 with the consent of their parents. After the age of 18, however, there is no requirement for parental consent. In only one state, Nebraska, is the required age for marriage set at 19, the highest in the states. At a time when the divorce rates are rising as rapidly as the marriage rates, should the marriage age be raised to allow time for the two individuals to mature?

This society and government deems that a person is responsible enough to get married before they are even allowed to purchase alcohol. Therefore, you are mature enough to vow to spend your life with someone else but not to throw down a dollar or two for a beer. While this might sound like a campaign for lowering the drinking age, on which I'm sure everyone has an opinion, it is just an example to show that in our society certain things are deemed more important than marriage.

And perhaps, therein lies the problem with people marrying at a young age. Not only can people marry prior to buying alcohol, but they also have the luxury of being carefree about it. How can people be expected take marriage seriously if, in the back of their minds, they know that there is always a way to back out if things don't go as planned? Of course, their way out is the ever-popular divorce. Marriage cannot be taken completely seriously if it is entered with a back-up plan.

All of this comes back around to answer my first question - how young is too young to get married? In the end, I believe it is all about your state of mind, and not necessarily your age. If you take the concept of marriage seriously then perhaps you are quite ready for marriage and all it entails. However, I would suggest waiting until, at least, after undergraduate school. By then, you will have usually achieved drinking age and possibly some idea of where you are headed.

Although neither drinking age nor graduation makes you more responsible toward marriage, you will have some added life experience by the time you turn 21 as opposed to 18. And if you really love someone, waiting a year or two for marriage should not dampen your enthusiasm to head to the altar.

Ultimately, though, it depends on what you believe you are ready to handle. Despite age or life experience, people will continue to get married, ignoring the consequences of their actions. Therefore, too young is simply all in your mind. If at the ripe old age of 22, you can't imagine not coming home to a home-cooked meal, perhaps you are ready for marriage, or do you just need to move back in with mom and dad?

~Tallulah

\*Disclaimer: While this is an advice column, recognize that I am not a professional psychologist or psychiatrist, and I base my advice solely on my own personal experience and research that I have done.\*\*Have any questions about life, love, or sex? Or hate her advice? Tell Tallulah and send her an e-mail at asktallulah@yahoo.com.



Justin Hebert The Full Count

#### Double Duty

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While NSU teams dominated the Southland Conference this year in most sports, their individual players have been collecting their own awards.

This week Demon softball pitcher Amanda Glenn was named SLC Pitcher of the Week, and Demon baseball slugger and relief pitcher Blake Jones received SLC Hitter of the Week honors.

In fact, these two Demon counterparts exhibit almost the same prowess of the game when competing in their respective diamonds.

They both have the ability to hit the long ball at any given time and then turn around in the next half of the inning to take the mound and overpower hitters as they step to the plate.

Glenn, a sophomore from Dry Prong, picked up her second SLC Pitcher of the Week honors and the seventh overall SLC Player of the Week award.

In this past week's action, the left-hander picked up four wins in five relief appearances with an 0.48 ERA through 14.2 innings. Glenn struck out 13 batters and only allowed 15 hits while facing a total of 58 opposing hitters.

With a dominant fastball and a change up that can leave batters looking foolish, Glenn has improved to an 8-6 overall record while leading the Demon softball team's pitching staff with a 2.23 ERA.

But she has not only been tearing through the SLC on the mound. She has also been destroying opposing pitching from the plate.

In the opening contest of a two-game sweep of Louisiana Tech last Wednesday, Glenn bashed her ninth home run of the season to help herself by tying the game.

Aside from picking up two wins Saturday at McNeese, Glenn once again pitched in on the Demons' offensive production going 3 for 5 while scoring four runs and driving in a run in the first game and went 2 for 4 with an RBI double in the following game.

Jones, a senior from Clinton, Miss., also netted his second SLC award of the season hitting a whopping .538 for the week while helping to lead the SLC first place Demons to a 4-0 mark for the week.

Racking up five RBIs and scoring seven times with a home run and a double, Jones finished the week with a .923 slugging percentage and a .647 on base average while the Demons completed their third SLC series sweep, this time against McNeese.

Jones who leads the Demons with a .383 batting average, 36 RBIs and five home runs, like Glenn, has been helping his club pitching in a relief role.

The right-hander is 4-2 in 16 relief appearances with a 2.88 ERA for the season. Jones has 33 strikeouts through 34 1/3 innings pitched picking up six saves out of the bullpen.

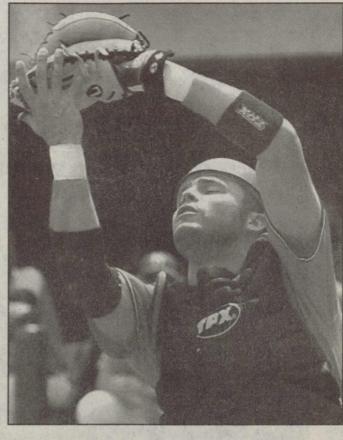
I hope these two can keep up their success as they boost their teams through the remainder of their SLC schedule and into the tournament possibly earning them a berth in the NCAA tournaments.

Fans, make sure you watch as these two, along with their ball clubs, continue their tear through the



Leslie Westbrook/the Current Sauce (Top) Demon junior left fielder Michael Palermo attempts to slide in home safely but was called out to end the inning this weekend against McNeese at Brown Stroud Field. After the teams cleared the field,

(Right) Junior catcher Marty Dewees catches a pop up during NSU's sweep of McNeese. Dewees has been a major contributor to the Demons' Southland Conference first-place ranking batting .423 in confer-



# Another SLC sweep

**By Adam Hymel** Sauce Reporter

the umpires had a conference but let the call stand.

The NSU baseball team continued to dominate at home but took one on the chin Tuesday night at Louisiana State University.

The Demons ran their home record to 14-0 and rule. improved to 11-1 in Southland play and 27-10 overall.

The 11-1 start is the best ever for NSU in league play.

sweep McNeese State ending in an 11-0 pounding on Sunday as true freshman Dereck Cloeren tossed his first complete game throwing seven shutout innings until the game was ended by the Southland Conference mercy

NSU used an eight run eighth inning to beat the Cowboys 12-3 as red shirt freshman Kyle Broughton ran NSU combined to hit .392 his record to 7-0. Senior ace

and pounded out 38 hits to Daniel Lonsberry continued national attention the his strong performance as he pitched seven innings Friday night giving up two runs on

> Heading into the series, the Demons received some good news as they were ranked 31st on Boyd's World, a Web site that covers college baseball. Boyd's World uses the same RPI rankings used to select teams for the NCAA tournament.

Demons headed south to take on the slumping LSU team that was coming off a weekend sweep from the hands of South Carolina.

The game was close after Miles Durham slugged a 2run home run in the top of the second inning to tie the game

The Tigers followed with a 3-run outburst in the bottom of the inning and never Looking to gain more looked back as they exploded ence standings.

LSU went through seven Demon pitchers en route to the win.

"They came out with something to prove and really swung the bats well," said Demon head coach Mitch Gaspard. "We learned some lessons tonight"

The Demons will head to Huntsville to play Sam Houston State with a two game

lead in the Southland Confer-

# Confidence and poise helping Demons

Sports Editor

Mike Perniciaro has implemented his style of softball in the 2005 softball Demons and the biggest reason the team feels they have been on top or around the top of the Southland this season is because he the 2002 team compiled. got them to just have fun and to do it with confidence.

Former Demon pitching standout and current NSU pitching coach Amanda Ortego said, "His style is completely different than what I've ever really been under. He's very mellow. He just expects the best out of everybody. He doesn't pressure for it, he just expects it."

Junior first baseman Amanda Perdue said, "He gives you confidence. He's calm. Most coaches can be real loud but he's real calm."

Sophomore catcher Margaret Patterson said, "I think everything we have this year is attributed to him because he has turned around the team and changed our attitudes about everything."

Perniciaro served as a hitting coach and outfield coach at Auburn for six years helping the Tigers to their best ever record of 42-18 as they earned a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament earning their first

By Justin Hebert National Top 25 ranking ever. In his first season here at

NSU, his team has netted a 30-21 overall record while going 14-7 in the SLC. His first Demon squad has already topped the NSU record for home runs in a season with 45, blowing past the 40 homers

"My coaching philosophy, I'm never one to yell and scream at them a whole lot. I try to use some humor or say something funny just to get them to focus on the next pitch instead of thinking, wow, that last swing was terrible," Perniciaro said.

With his laid back mood, Perniciaro has the 2005 Demons feeling more confident than they have been in years. That type of confidence has been showing at the plate, with five Demon starters batting over .300 and two of them, senior Shay Hunt and Patterson, with at least 10

"It's a lot easier when you take a bad cut at a change up, and he laughs at you and you can laugh back at him, instead of a coach tuning around and shaking their head," Patterson "I think his attitude helps us out a lot.

Sophomore Amanda Glenn there he has confidence in us.

As a hitter knowing your coach has confidence in you gives you confidence."

Although his whole team and coaching staff credit this season's success so far to Perniciaro's poise and assurance of his players he says it is the foundation of strong, hard workers that was already in place here at NSU that has gotten them playing so well.

"We're leading the conference in stolen bases. We're second in the conference in home runs," Perniciaro said. "You put that combination of speed and power together you're going to score a lot of runs, which we've done."

Probably one of the most noteworthy things about this Demon lineup is that any spot in their lineup can come up with the big hit when they need it. The girls feel that knowing the batter behind them can hit the ball just as well as anyone else is a big confidence builder.

With speedsters junior left fielder Sarina Noack and senior center fielder Nicole Martin leading off the lineup, the next few batters, what Perniciaro compared to an old Yankees' team, have been driving in plenty of runs.

"That's our version of mursaid, "We know going up derers' row, like the old Yankees with Babe Ruth," Perni-



Demon head coach Mike Perniciaro talks with junior first baseman Amanda Perdue in between innings during recent SLC action.

ciaro said. "The middle of that lineup is definitely a threat. Any time they come up they're going to hit the ball hard and score some runs."

The middle of that lineup consists of Hunt, Patterson, and Glenn who account for 33 of the team's 45 home runs and 99 of their 213 RBIs. With sophomore second baseman Lyndsey Gorski, junior third baseman Katrina Walker, pitcher, outfielder Michelle

Castellano and first baseman Perdue rounding out the lineup, the Demons have been capitalizing on opposing pitchers' mistakes and hitting the ball hard.

Perniciaro said that is exactly what his team needs heading into this weekend's SLC series at Southeastern, with the Demons still in contention of the regular season SLC Championship.

# Lady Demons shock SHSU on senior day



Leslie Westbrook/the CURRENT SAUCE Lady Demon Magali Van den Bergh helped the tennis team upset Sam Houston State Sunday with her No. 4 spot singles win.

Courtesy of Sports No. 1 singles contest. Information www.nsudemons.com

Three-set singles wins by Alexandra Nieto and Magali Van den Bergh provided the winning margin for NSU Sunday as the Lady Demons surprised visiting Sam Houston State 4-3 in Southland Conference women's tennis.

Seniors Nieto, Anneline Zerwick and Camila Prado were honored in an emotional pre-match ceremony that proved a springboard for a stirring victory in NSU's final home conference match of the season.

Nieto and Prado swept their singles and doubles matches while Zerwick won in doubles and was beaten in three sets in a hard-fought

Zerwick and Nieto defeated Lata Assudani and Mounia Hassib 8-3 at No. 1 to lock up the doubles point to open the match after Catalina Villegas and Prado defeated Sam

Fernanda Silva and Van den Bergh fell to the Lady Bearkats' Cristina Flores and Erika Rudich 8-5 in the No. 2

Yurkiw 8-2 at No. 3.

Houston State's Emma

McDougall and Bethany

Sam Houston rebounded by taking the top three singles matches and claiming the upper hand before Nieto and Van den Bergh heading into third sets at Nos. 4 and 5.

Nieto defeated Rudich 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in the No. 5 spot.

Van den Bergh defeated Flores 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 at No. 4.

Earlier, Prado defeated Yurkiw 6-4, 6-2 in the sixth position to give NSU a quick 2-0 lead.

Zerwick fell to Assudani 7-5, 5-7, 6-0 at No. 1 in a valiant effort despite a leg injury. Silva fell to McDougall 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2.

Villegas fell to Hassib 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) in another hotly contested match in the third posi-

With the win, NSU moves to 6-12 overall and 3-7 in the SLC. SHSU falls to 9-9 overall and 4-5 in the SLC

The Lady Demons, who did not qualify for the sixteam conference tournament, will play their final match of the season Friday at 3 p.m. when they host Arkansas-Little Rock at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

#### This Just In

Courtesy Sports Information Bureau

#### **Track**

Loren Martin and Cod Fillinich each posted NCA Mideast Regional qualifying throws as they gave NSU al 2 finish in the B-division of the men's javelin competition Friday evening at the 78th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays track and field

Martin, a junior from Rosepine, won with a 2101 throw. Fillinich, a red shin freshman from Lafourche High School, was second at 208-8.

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Those were two of four ations regional qualifying mark posted by NSU competitors 30 cc at the meet, which ended Sat said.

Sophomore hurdler J.D. Henry of Bunkie clocked regional-qualifying time of 14.11 in the men's 110 meter hurdles. He had the 10th bes time and the top nine advanced to the championship round, so he did not advance to Saturday's finals

Freshman Corey Jones, from Diboll, Texas, threw 165-6 for seventh in the B. division of the men's discus. Senior Cedric Scott, from DeRidder, was fifth in the B division of the men's long jump with a 23-4 1/2 leap.

Jeffrey Parker gave NSU sixth place in the B-division of the men's 1500 meter run clocking a 3:57.05 time.

Among the NSU athlets expected to compete today are four-time All-American Stephanie Sowell in the Adivision of the women's triple jump and three-time Southland Conference Outdoor shot put champ Issa Banna, who may make his outdoor debut in the A-division of his specialty.

Banna, an all-conference fullback in football, was scheduled to work out Friday before a crowd of NFL scouts in Natchitoches and then travel to Austin.

#### Spring Footbal

Greg Skidmore's 90-yard touchdown on the opening kickoff highlighted a physic cal two-hour intrasqual scrimmage Sunday night to mark the midpoint of spring football practice for defend ing Southland Conference champion Northwester State.

The Purple Swarm defens made seven sacks and 1 tackles for lost yards in the 85-snap situational scrim mage at dusk in Turpin Str dium. There were six offen sive scores, but all came ! short-field drills giving offense the ball at defense's 30 or closer.

Senior quarterback Davo Vinson ran for a 1-yar touchdown and combine with flanker Josh Mosby a 27-yard TD on a flanke screen.

The defense recovere three fumbles and held to quarterbacks to 10-ofpassing aim for 102 yar Vinson, a two-year starte was 6-for-16 for 57 yal while Ricky Joe Meeks Wi 4-of-6 for 47 yards.

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fourth-year head co Scott Stoker said, "Offens! ly, it's hit or miss, but wi playing hard and it's going to take some time become consistent. Defi sively, we can run, and will hit you. I thought tempo was real good, and played physical football both sides. It wasn't a W of art but there were lots good things that happe out there with a bunch

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# WRAC to be ready for summer

By Jamie Webb possibly in June. Sauce Reporter

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"Right now we're marketn South ing our facility for July 1," chool, was said Patric Dubois, associate director for wellness, recrevo of four ations sports and intramurals.

Contractors estimate a May competiton 30 completion date, Dubois said. Based on this information, he hopes to open the irdler J.D. WRAC to students earlier,

The time between construction completion and the opening of the WRAC will be spent on orientation and training procedures for student workers, installing and checking equipment and hammering out all the details, Dubois said.

There will be an official opening ceremony at the beginning of the fall semester, so students will be able to participate in the opening, he

Contractors are currently working on the interior of the two gymnasiums on the

building, said Chris Sampite, director of the physical plant. Contractors are working on the ceilings and walls, painting, installing equipment, landscaping and putting up additional lighting for safety.

There are also plans to resurface the drive by the new 75-car parking lot near the print shop across the street from the WRAC, Sampite said. This should be finished before the fall semester starts.

The WRAC, which is 81,000 square feet, will include three levels, Dubois said. There are

ground floor, a group fitness fooseball, Dubois said. room, a 3000-square-foot free weight room, a 2800-squarefoot strength machine room and a 2800-square-foot cardiovascular room.

The cardiovascular room will include a cardiotheater system, Dubois said. This means students can bring their own headphones to plug into the machines to hear any one of the six televisions in the room.

The WRAC will also have two game rooms. These will include a pool table, shuffleboard, pingpong, darts and

There will be a one-ninth mile rubberized track on the third level of the building as well as a cardio area, Dubois said. The track is near the windows overlooking the campus.

There will be men's and women's locker rooms with showers as well as small coinoperated lockers, Dubois said. The small lockers will be 25 cents a day, but members will also have the option of renting a locker for \$30 a year.

Anyone who has membership to the facility will be given two clean towels each day he or she uses the facility, Dubois said. Everyone will be required to wipe down each machine he or she uses when finished.

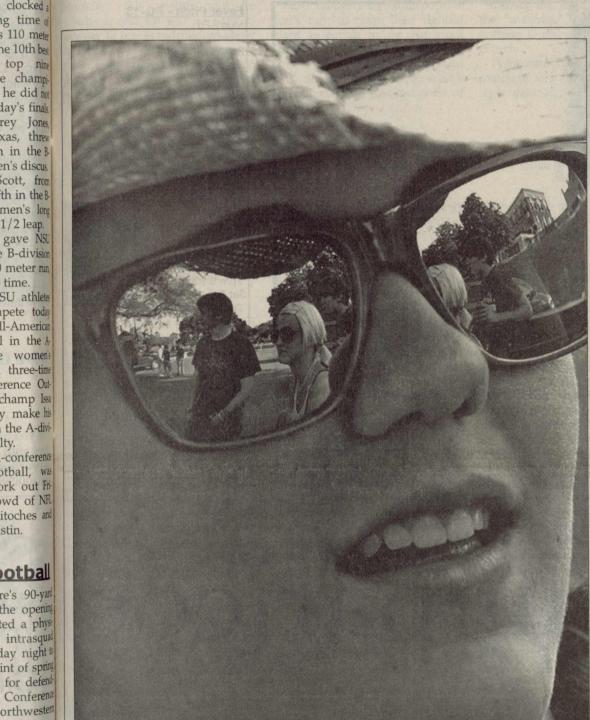
Membership rates for NSU alumni will be \$35 a month or \$360 a year, he said. For current NSU faculty and staff members, membership will be \$20 a month. For retired faculty and staff members, membership will be \$25 a month. For Louisiana school students, faculty and staff members, membership will

Students have been paying \$75 per semester since 1999 for the facility.

There was a misunderstanding between the SGA and Dubois regarding alumni who have paid into the WRAC, said SGA President Mindy McConnell.

"Patric thought we wanted alumni who have already graduated to be able to come back to use the WRAC at their own discretion and spread out the semesters as they need them," she said.

They ultimately decided to allow students who are grad-■ See WRAC, page 2



### Demonfest 2005 rocks riverfront

Leslie Westbrook / the CURRENT SAUCE

Left: NSU student Jessica Callac hangs out with KNWD Music Director Elliot Westphal (left), Louisiana School senior Emily Perkins and LSU senior Spencer Johnson on the Natchitoches riverbank Saturday at Demonfest. Demonfest raised about \$200 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation by collecting donations and providing barbecue chicken

Below: Chat "Imagine I am" Faulk sings and dances to computer generated beats and rhythms.



### Search begins for new Spanish professor

By Cheryl Thompson Sauce Reporter

Junior journalism major Darla Williford switched her Spanish minor to an English minor because of concerns about vacancies in teaching positions.

"It's so up in the air," Williford said. "I wasn't going to take a chance and not gradu-

Williford, like many NSU students, has concerns about a lack of instructors for upper-level Spanish courses.

Joseph Colavito, head of the language and communications department, said there will be a new Spanish professor in the fall. Colavito said the position

has been cleared for advertising, but the process of choosing a new professor to teach the upper-level Spanish courses is not simple.

"It isn't enough to just hire a native speaker," Colavito said. "They need to have a teaching background."

Colavito said applicants must have the appropriate degree and meet certain standards to teach at NSU as mandated by the Southern Association of Colleges and

"So it's not as easy as it sounds to go out into the community and find somebody who can speak Spanish," Colavito said. "I need someone with a degree."

If the position cannot be filled, Colavito said other options would be explored.

"Dr. Hatley and I worked out an agreement that if this problem couldn't be solved that we would certainly agree to accept transfer credit from other institutions," Colavito said. Thomas Hanson, acting

provost and vice president of academic affairs, said funding vacant positions is an issue reduced enrollment and budget cuts have made difficult.

Hanson said the needs of graduating students are first

"We're going to do everything we can to see that students get the classes they need when they need it," Hanson said.

Hanson said deans are providing him with a prioritized list to fill vacancies.

"It's not like we've got a thousand positions that we need to fill and we're not," he

# Jennings visits NSU



By Ashley Lewis Sauce Reporter

Tuesday night Magale Recital Hall was full of Jeopardy! fans wanting to catch a glimpse of the \$2.35 million Winning trivia man, Ken Jen-

Jennings, a Salt Lake City programmer, appeared on Jeopardy! 70 times, setting a record. Jennings admitted that he didn't study for Jeopardy! He said, "You can't cram for Jeopardy! I just like trivia. Facts are strange and true, and trivia comes with no responsibilities."

The night started with a speech by Jennings in which he discussed the merits of trivia and staying inquisitive.

hat happen Jennings said, "The one.

human brain is an amazing contraption, and knowledge is a way to bring people together."

After his 30-minute speech, Jennings answered questions from the audience questions on topics ranging from what he was going to do with his money to whether he liked being a trivia sex symbol. Next came the part of the evening most JENNINGS audience members were waiting for.

There was a trivia competition between Jennings, Louisiana Scholars' College economics professor, Jim Picht; masters of education student, Jack Halford; and senior political science major, Fred Keuchenmeister.

The competition had a slow start because none of the contestants could answer the first two questions, which were presented to the contestants on an overhead projector. The presenters had trouble matching the questions and their answers, so SGA President Mindy McConnell suggested that Trivial Pursuit cards be used instead. In the end, Jennings won by getting 10 answers correct, followed by Picht with six, Halford with three and Keuchenmeister with

# Hanson in place through fall

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**News Editor** 

Following a personnel change that led to Anthony Scheffler's resignation, NSU President Randall Webb has offered Thomas Hanson the option of serving as acting provost and vice president of academic affairs through next semester.

Webb said the University will advertise the position nationally after the fall semester. Hanson will then have to apply and compete for the position if he wants to keep it.

Hanson replaced Scheffler effective March 18 following Scheffler's reassignment to the position of acting executive director of NSU's CenLA campus. Rather than accept the new assignment, Scheffler said he opted to use his accumulated leave time to fulfill his contract, which ends June

Webb said any permanent appointment at or above the level of dean is considered an agenda item and must be approved by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors. However, Webb has the authority to appoint interim administrators for a maximum time period of 12

'Of course, conceivably the University could go to the board and ask for that period

By Kyle Shirley to be extended," Webb said. Webb said that despite Scheffler's decision to use his leave time, he is still technically the acting executive

> until the end of the fiscal year. Neither Scheffler nor Webb offered any concrete reasons for enacting this personnel switch mid-semester.

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other people feel should hap-Some NSU faculty members and administrators have expressed dismay over Schef-

fler's reassignment and imminent resignation.

#### "One day he was there and the next day he wasn't."

Jean D'Amato

Scholars' College professor on Anthony Scheffler's reassignment and approaching resignation

"Sometimes these kinds of things just happen," Webb said. "I'm just not sure about the situation."

Scheffler said he did not understand the timing of the move, but that he and Webb were both making what they thought to be good decisions.

'I had some opportunities I wanted to pursue, and Dr. Webb has got to make some decisions with regard to who to put in there in order to move the University in the direction he wants it to be moved into, and that's fine," Scheffler said.

"I just feel that there are cer-

Scholars' College professor Jean D'Amato said, "In my years here at Northwestern, I found him to be probably the most competent, capable and sympathetic administrator to both student and faculty needs. I was extremely upset and dismayed that he left... I thought he was as fine an administrator as I've seen since I've been here. It's been 17 or 18 years."

D'Amato said she was in constant contact with Scheffler until his reassignment, and that the move surprised

"The circumstances surtain things that need to be rounding his leaving are

done if the University is ambiguous," D'Amato said. "One day he was there and the next day he wasn't."

Acting Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Kathleen Byrd said she shared D'Amato's disappointment in Scheffler's departure. Byrd said she met Scheffler while heading a search committee for a new provost and immediately

respected his abilities. Byrd said Scheffler's reassignment "came out of nowhere."

"I was surprised with the reassignment, and I was disappointed with the resignation," Byrd said. "I think Northwestern lost a very good person.

"I thought we had an opportunity to do something really outstanding here at Northwestern because of Dr. Scheffler's leadership, and I was very disappointed that he left."

Byrd said she thought Scheffler's goals for NSU were consistent with the points outlined in this semester's review of the University by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems regarding improved communication between faculty and administrators and the creation of an open and transparent budget-

ing process. He was already working

on that before the NCHEMS report showed up," Byrd

D'Amato agreed with this statement.

"He always was looking for ways to improve the University, in particular improving the communication between the faculty and the administration," D'Amato said. "He was very keen on that."

Both Byrd and D'Amato said they had not worked closely with Hanson, but that they were optimistic about his administrative abilities.

Webb said he was absolutely confident in Hanson, and that he was "doing a fine job."

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alumni who have paid into the said. center after 1999, to use the center for the number of semesters they have left starting when the WRAC opens, McConnell said.

"Each year has three semesters, so this summer counts as the first one," she said.

Dubois said this decision regarding alumni has to go through the University of Louisiana system officials in Baton Rouge, who will get legal counsel to answer the

The completion of the WRAC has been pushed back due to various reasons, Sampite said.

"One was the weather," he said. "Last year at a critical point during construction, we had a lot of rain for an extended period of time. This was when we were trying to pour concrete."

Other reasons for the delay were different order changes, changing

uating soon and have already paid the plans for the facility and into the center, as well as NSU adding items to the project, he

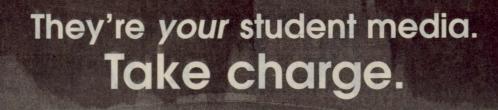
"We added a sauna, more safety lighting and made changes in the sidewalks," Sampite said. "We added a metal roof to the facility, which was probably the biggest change and extended the project a

Sampite said he feels the building will be well-received by those who have been waiting for it.

McConnell said the same. "I'm really excited that it's finally opening," McConnell said. "A lot of students have become doubtful that it will ever open, and

now they can finally see it is open

during their time as students." Latoya Coleman, a junior business administrations and CIS major, said, "I'd like to actually see what all our money went for. I'd like to see why they took so long. We've been paying for this since



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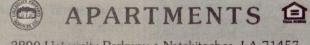
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# Gay rights next step in social evolution



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As graduation looms and my tenure with the Sauce draws rapidly to an end, I feel I must leave you with some final words on the issue of homosexuality in our nation, for I feel that the question of homosexual rights will be the issue that defines our generation.

This debate is not going away. It simply touches too many Americans to be swept under the rug and forgotten. Over the coming decades, this matter will be resolved, and we will all have to answer to our grandchildren about the role we played in this struggle.

As a historian, I am well-versed with the progression of American society. Though changes are always

accompanied with popular unrest liberty will prosper as a result. and civil friction, our nation has marched steadily towards the philosophy of total equality that our founding fathers left us.

In our search for this ultimate social truth, we have surpassed our founders' simple understanding of it. To stay true to their message in modern times we ignored their wishes and freed the slaves, gave suffrage to women, and provided citizenship to American Indians.

Thomas Jefferson would not have approved of our actions, but we really don't give a damn. Time and experience breed a greater understanding of morality. The prejudices of our founders were wrong, and we are a better nation for shaking them off.

Now it is the homosexual population's turn to claim their rightful place as equals in the American Dream. Would our founding fathers smile upon this? No, but I have no doubt that homosexuals will succeed and that the cause of

There is no real legal argument against homosexual marriage. Instead, the issue has been fought almost solely from a religious perspective, appealing for the preser-

not asking for approval from the is dying if the family does not want churches, and such approval is not them there. even the government's to give.

Homosexuals just want the right choose an individual with whom to share property rights and jointly file vation of the "sanctity" of marriage. taxes. Most importantly, they want

"This is the time where religious values become bigotry. Godordained bigotry, perhaps, but bigotry all the same."

However, this makes little sense as to be able to choose who will have the "marriage" in contention has nothing to do with religion or the

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the right to make medical decisions for them in the case of emergencies.

Currently, homosexual lovers, no Homosexuals are seeking legal matter how long they have lived together, do not even have the right leges associated with it. They are to be in the room while their partner

Homosexual marriage hurts no one. Rather it is the banning of such marriages that inflict pain upon certain citizens of this nation.

Legalizing homosexual marriages will not intrude upon anyone's religious beliefs. Bestowing legal rights is not equivalent to the U.S. government forcing churches to stop preaching that homosexuality is a sin.

Christians and Muslims can still celebrate how they choose and only acknowledge those marriages they agree with. However, this does not give anyone the right to force those religious beliefs into the political sphere and pass baseless legislations that oppress portions of our population.

This is the line where religious values become bigotry. Godordained bigotry perhaps, but bigotry all the same.

As Americans we are all entitled to our beliefs. We can publish them, we can teach them to our children, we can shout them from the rooftops so long as they do not hurt

However, when these beliefs are implemented in ways that materially harm other people, they become hate speech.

I know that I am in the minority, but this is one instance when the majority is wrong. It is time we as a generation really analyzed this issue and accepted that we are allowing our passions and prejudices to undermine those philosophies that make this country great.

I refuse to remain silent as the travesty unfolds, and I have no doubt that my actions will make my grandchildren proud.

Justin Shatwell is a senior Louisiana Scholars' College student. His column appears weekly on the editorial page. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.

# Civil liberties: up in smoke



By Danny Jackson-Pierce

In the 1956 film adaptation of George Orwell's 1984, the lives of citizens are so completely ruled by the government that marriages are arranged, bedtimes are established and homes are constantly moni-

Walking in restricted areas or keeping personal records are crimes punishable by death.

In the midst of this atmosphere, Winston Smith, the story's hero, sits in a public restaurant smoking a

Even the totalitarian world of 1984 allowed its people to smoke where they pleased, but several state legislatures within our free United States are passing laws

against smoking in public places.
According to USA Today 281
municipalities in 23 states had enacted such bans at the beginning of the year, and several other states are still questioning the issue.

Louisiana has already rejected the proposed ban once, but it would not be surprising to see the debate brought to the floor again. This has been the trend in other states where the proposal has

I hope I don't sound too liberal when I say this, but if you plan to smoke in any government building in Washington, D.C., you are out of luck, unless, of course, you are in the congressional building.

This seems like a strange exemption until you think about in which building the law was conceived and approved.

One of the main arguments in favor of the ban has been that people have the right to work in a healthy environment, and secondhand smoke endangers people who work in places that allow smoking.

That's a nice idea, but it is not true. Police officers, fire fighters and doctors are just a few of the many professionals who put their health on the line when performing

It is important for a person to realize before they take a job that there are certain risks involved. If a person fears the dangers of

second-hand smoke, that person should not take a job where people are allowed to smoke. That problem is easy to solve.

Many public facilities do not allow smoking inside their buildings. I have no problem with this. I support a proprietor's right to maintain his business in any manner that he chooses.

This keeps a variety of options for patrons. If you want to smoke

while you eat, drink, listen to live music or whatever it is you do, go someplace where smoking is

If you prefer to stay away from the smoke, do just that, and go to non-smoking facilities. Let Americans keep their freedom of choice.

I think the concept of big government overwhelming America has been somewhat exaggerated, but these smoking bans are absurd.

We don't live in an Orwellian society. Some think we do. Some think we will.

But if a nationwide smoking ban were passed, the groundwork would be set for a society even more drastic.

Danny Jackson-Pierce is a junior English major. His opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sauce staff or of the University.



No Smoking sign posted in courtyard outside Morrison Hall Chris Reich / the CURRENT SAUCE

# **Editor says farewell**



By Elaine **Broussard** 

A year ago on this editorial page introduced myself to the readers of the Current Sauce, and I posed the question - What will a day in the life of a student media head be like? I said I would get back to you.

But as the year progressed, the answer to this question became very complicated and not very easy to answer. I soon began each day with a ridiculously long to-do list, but no matter how hard I fought for control, each day's events became increasingly unpredictable, and the news monster always won out.

The news monster - he is an obvi-Ously fictitious character dreamt up by a very corny, tired and delirious Outgoing Current Sauce editor. His Purpose this year was to get this editor so wrapped up in the quest to record the moments around her, that sometimes she forgot to simply live in them. He constantly demanded attention. His hunger never seemed to end.

Don't like my hokey analogy? That's OK. The point I am trying to make is that I took my work here at the Current Sauce this year very seriously. This was one of my biggest strengths (helping to generate a higher readership, fewer factual errors, and greater respect from the University community) but a weakness at the same time (resulting increased stress and decreased emotional, physical and spiritual

Now it is time for me to pass the torch, so to speak, and I'm OK with that. I am very proud of my service to the University community, and I am very proud of many members of my staff. I just hope that I have effectively instilled in them my passion for news and my loathing of

Right now it is still up in the air who will take my place - but I have a message for that person. I've learned that this newspaper reaches more people than most people think, and the words contained in it are much more powerful than I ever dreamt they would be. As I am leaving my position, there are so many issues remaining to be explored that the readership of this newspaper will most definitely

Your job will be a difficult one. Your term will begin in the midst of budget crunches, hiring freezes and the introduction of selective admissions. During your term, the Wellness Recreation and Activities Center will open and so will the new

residence hall. Please stay alert. Be relentless. Make sure these events are extensively covered, and do not forget to note how they affect student life and culture.

So what does the future hold for me? Well, for one, I have joined the organization that was the bane of my existence at the beginning of my reporting career - the Student Government Association. Woo hoo! That's assimilation for you.

Besides that, I am preparing for a summer internship at daily newspaper. I am also gearing up to begin work on my Scholars' College thesis.

The year had its ups and downs, but I have no regrets. A wise friend of mine once told me that when one is in a position of power, it is often easier to count how many people work against her than to count how many support her. But that is a skewed point of view, he said, because if many people didn't support her, she wouldn't be in a position of power in the first place.

So I choose to count (and thank) my supporters.

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Most of all, my parents, Lynne and Tommy, and my sisters, Denise, Jamie and Rebecca, for encouraging me from afar. I'm sorry I didn't visit much this year. I promise to make it up to you soon.

And thank you to everyone who reads the Current Sauce. I have done everything I could to help produce a publication that everyone could trust. I hope you have enjoyed it.

### On Being Homeless



By Michael

A subculture exists out there that demonstrates bravery resourcefulness beyond the limits of typical humanity. These people survive day-to-day only by their sheer wit and instinct. The dangers they face and the challenges they overcome are greater than any battlefield or boardroom. These peo-

ple are homeless. Think about it. How long would you live without a predictable bed to lie in or safe place to keep your possessions? How much do we

me right away. And my career is almost totally computer based so getting work will be nigh impossible if I go to interviews with out having slept in days, washed in weeks, nor coded anything in months. Yet thousands of people our age live on the streets and survive for years.

I find that many college students are only a step above being homeless. I wonder what percent that live in dorms don't have any other place to go when the dorms close. They would have to spend holidays and summers with friends and relatives but not actually have a home until dorms reopen. I did that my first two years here, before got my first apartment. Now three apartments and a rental house later, getting a paycheck is more important then graduation

"Now three apartments and a rental house later, getting a paycheck is more important than graduation because a diploma does me no good on the streets."

take for granted the ability to shower when we need to or have clean clothes because they were just washed? How much pride do you have to swallow to be able to beg for food or a place to sleep or a job? How many college students are a missed rent check away from finding out? I honestly would rather die than

live on the streets. But then again, my street skills are probably so lacking that I'd die of illness or starvation within a week anyway. I barely afford rent and utilities at my apartment. I am such a pack rat that moving is a real pain. I really, really like my bed. No, seriously the not having a bed thing will kill because a diploma does me no good on the streets.

A favorite quote from a popular TV show is, "The hardest thing in life is to live in it." That is especially true for college students trying to balance ever-increasing prices with ever-accumulating schoolwork. And those people forced out onto the streets, are really no different from us. The differences completely vanish when we become

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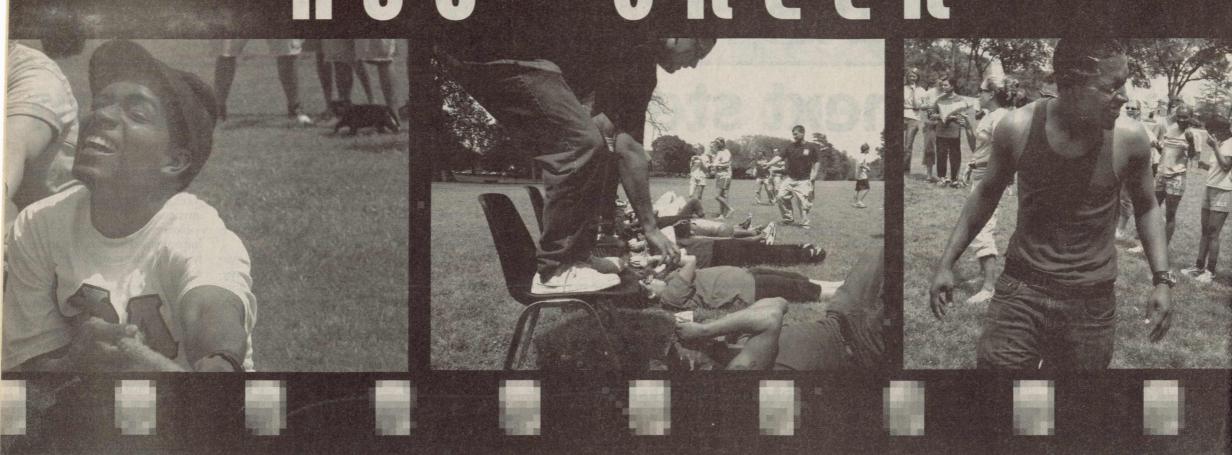
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# nsu Greek



Photos from left to right: Malcolm Bihm, sophomore Computer Information Systems major, struggles during the Greek Week tug-of-war Wednesday afternoon (Chris Reich/the Current Sauce); Greeks participate in the Egg Drop during Greek Week's Messy Games (Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce); Malcolm Bihm of Alpha Phi Alpha gets egg on his face after playing Egg Drop at the Messy Games on Tuesday (Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce).

# It's all GREEK this week

Sauce Reporter

In the spirit of Ancient Greece's Olympic games, NSU Greeks participated in the events of Greek Week this

Monday, the proverbial torch of NSU's Greek Week was lit. Penny Wars began Monday at 11 a.m. and will end today at

Rodney Clements, Pi Kappa Phi president, explained, "Every penny that is put in a jar, that is one point for that organization. Every nickel is minus five points, every dime is minus 10 points and every quarter is minus 25 points. Dollars are negative 100 points and so

This year a member from each organization was chosen as the "Elite Greek." The chosen members had their names

**By Jill Skaggs** and pictures placed on the front of their dropping the egg wins. group's jar. All proceeds from this year's Penny Wars goes to a fund to help Travis Eaglin, an NSU band member who is recovering from an operation on a spinal

> With adrenaline pumping and eager minds and bodies, the Greeks took to the ROTC field for a Tuesday afternoon of interesting activities, including egg catching, egg tossing, hidden-gum finding and flour wars.

> Egg catching is a very messy game. One team member lies on the ground with a cup on his or her forehead, while the other teammate stands above him or her and tries to drop eggs into the cup.

The egg toss is something that some may have played in their elementary school years. Two members toss an egg back and forth until it is dropped, and the team with the most tosses without

One pie plate full of whipped cream, a tiny piece of white gum and one representative from each organization made up the hidden-gum competition. The representatives had only their mouths to together, like it should be on college find the gum in the mass of whipped cream as quickly as possible.

Water balloons doused the running participants of the flour war before they were pelted with handfuls of flour from the other players. The object of the game was to stay as clean as possible.

Wednesday, the Greeks took to the ROTC field once more to compete in kickball and the age-old tug-of-war. Each group had five representatives who paired with other organizations to play.

"Tug-of-war was fun; I think we need to do more of things like this for Greek unity," says Lonnada Green, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho.

By the end of these games, hands were red from pulling the ropes, and breaths were heavy from running, but the atmos-

phere was still lighthearted and playful. "It's been fun; all the Greeks getting campuses, and you get to meet new people that you wouldn't usually," says Fugee Founir, a member of Phi Beta Sigma.

Today Penny Wars end, and the big show begins at 6 p.m. The much-anticipated Strut competition is tonight at the ROTC field, where Greeks pair up and demonstrate impromptu hand-slapping, foot-stomping routines.

After all the pennies are counted and the points from the competition are tabulated, the winners will be announced Monday at 7 p.m. and again at the Greek Week banquet on Tuesday at 8:15 a.m.

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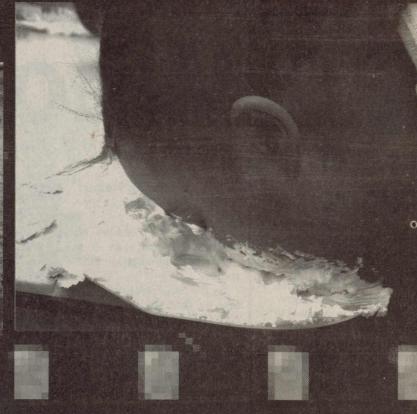
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pnathan Bergeron sprays whipped cream on Jonathan McMillan (Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce); Greek adviser Yonna Pasch gives Josh Newton (left) and Jonathan McMilliam of Kappa Alpha Order some paper towels to clean up after the Flour (Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce); Toni Celestin of Sigma Gamma Rho tries to find the hidden gum in whipped cream (Cheryl Thompson/the Current Sauce).

# Finding time is worth it

Sauce Reporter

If you were to type the words time management" into a search ngine such as Google, more than 110,000 results pop up.

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This number could overwhelm eople that need help getting rganized and are trying to find the est way to utilize their time.

Time management is not easy, specially for college students tryng to juggle school, jobs, extra curicular activities and a social life. manage time and reduce stress. One of the most important ele-

**By Cheryl Thompson** said that last semester she took on

Brown is a Scholars' College student who works two jobs, takes 13 hours of classes, volunteers with Blue Key International and serves as the treasurer of Phi Mu Fraternity. She also works with the NSU Purple Jackets and is involved in several other smaller clubs as well. She said she took on even more last

"I love to be involved," she says. Brown found that taking breaks is a quick and simple way to relieve According to an article from stress. By taking small, 30-minute webmd.com, there are several ways time-outs, she is able to relax and collect her thoughts and is more at ease with her heavy workload. Her ments of time management is to advice for those with time manageknow your limits. Junior Heidi ment problems is to schedule a spe-Brown knows this all too well. She cific time to unwind. This can



reduce stress and help you be more productive throughout the day or just during a stressful time.

Another way to minimize time management stress is to just learn to say no when things begin to pile

up. This does not mean you should tell your professor, "No, I will not be writing that paper this week." This means that you should not feel obligated to say "yes" every time someone asks you to do something socially. Making time for what is important is the key; too many social events can add just as much stress as the obligatory events.

Prioritizing your life can help you turn other unimportant things down. Sophomore social work major Erin Juneau said that if she had the chance to re-do the current semester, she would definitely prioritize more and place school before all other activities.

"If I had put school first, I could have had better grades," Juneau

By realizing that going out with your friends tonight will keep from doing homework that will help you pass your classes, you will see that going out is not as important. This is not to say that you cannot have any fun. Time management is not about studying more and socializing less. It's about getting the most out of the hours in a day.

One way to help stay prioritized is to keep up with a student planner. Both Brown and Juneau agree that without a planner, they would have lost track of their entire to-do

The best way to keep stress at bay is to stay organized and productive. By staying busy and keeping your schedule well structured, your stress-level will be manageable.



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Justin Hebert The Full Count

#### Last of Spring

justin\_hebert137@yahoo Since this will be the final issue I would like to say thanks to all the coaches and athletes, Athletic Director Greg Burke, and everyone else who is involved in Demon athletics, not only for cooperating with me throughout the semester, but also for giving me plenty of exciting sports and

I was extremely impressed with the work of everyone involved in the athletic department as they continued to make an already successful athletic program even more successful.

I'm not just talking about locally, statewide, or in the SLC. NSU also has been in the national spotlight for their accomplishments on the playing field and off.

Throughout this semester of being sports editor one of the most interesting things had to be how well all of our athletic teams went out and competed, given the size of our school and the number of students that come out to support them.

Just imagine, for anyone who made it to an SLC basketball tournament match up in Prather Coliseum, especially the championship, if there were that many fans at every sporting event here, it would be "fan-demoni-

I would like to say congratulations to all of these teams who have worked so hard to improve NSU's athletics with their success.

SLC Coach of the Year Mike McConathy and his co-SLC champion Demon basketball team made an exciting run until it was brought to a halt by Southeastern in the SLC tournament championship game.

They provided some of the most exciting live basketball games I've ever watched and came so close to making it to the NCAA tournament.

It will be interesting to see how far they make it next season as what was the nation's youngest team two years ago grows into a veteran team returning all five starters and one of the nation's deepest benches.

It was also a good season for the Lady Demon basketball team and first-year coach Jennifer Graf as they made their way to the second round of the SLC tournament.

Losing All-SLC stars Amanda Bennett, Diamond Cosby and Ashley Sparkman, and reserves Beth Tallant and Dee Dee Favors, the Lady Demons will have to look to Sheronda Bell and Chassidy Jones with Graf returning with a year of head coaching experience.

Baseball, softball and track seasons will be continuing through the end of the semester and hopefully they continue the success they have had so far this season.

With softball and baseball clinching berths in their respective SLC tournaments, I'm sure coach Mike Perniciaro and coach Mitch Gaspard will have their clubs ready to play with the high intensity and determination needed to win the tourney.

I would also like to say a quick thanks to Doug Ireland and Matt Bonnette for all of the help they have given me and for all of their patience dealing with me this semester.

Finally, to all of my readers, please feel free to e-mail me with questions, comments or any ideas on how we can improve your coverage of Demon athletics.

# Who will be drafted?

With the 2005 NFL Draft coming this weekend a few former Demons will be waiting to see if they get selected by a team

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

This weekend could one of the most important in the lives of NFL hopefuls all around the

As the San Francisco 49'ers take the first pick in the 2005 NFL Draft, if they do no trade it away, millions of eyes will be glued to the television so see if and where last year's college football standouts will be continuing football as a career.

Along with all those around the country, former Demon running and 2004 SLC Offensive Player of the Year Derrick Johnese, offensive tackle Mike King, All-America linebacker Jamall Johnson, fullback Issa Banna, offensive tackle Greg Buckley, and corner back and wide receiver Prentiss West will all be waiting around to here what their future will

According to CNNSI.com's 2005 NFL Draft page Banna and Buckley were the only two Demons listed and graded. Banna was given a 3.09 while Buckley was ranked at a 2.77. The highest grades given were just below 4.5, while Banna received the second highest in the SLC below for Sam Houston quarterback Dustin Long who had a 3.30

Banna recently worked out for the Dallas Cowboys, while Buckley may take a different route than other Demons participating in a work out for Canadian football teams.

King, a Natchitoches native said he plans to spend the weekend relaxing at his grandmother's house and doesn't intend on thinking about the draft much.



Cheryl thompson/the Current Sauce

Former Demon running back Derrick Johnese decided to pass up his senior year and joins a handful of other Demons eligible for the NFL Draft. In his junior season Johnese gained 1,035 yards, averaging 7.4 yards per carry while being named SLC Offensive Player of the Year.

think about it too much because the more you think about it the more you get nervous," King said. ""I'm just trying to keep my mind off of it and go on about my daily

After taking trips to the mean anything until they actu- one says they're interested still

"I'm really trying not to Green Bay Packers, the New York Jet, and the Indianapolis Colts for physicals and to meet the coaches, the 6-2 304-pound lineman who ran a 4.62 in the 40-yard dash for scouts at NSU, knows that teams are interested but that may not

ally pick him. Although he said he has

heard that he will be a possible Sunday selection, the second day of the draft.

"Green Bay seems pretty interested but it's still like flipping a coin, just because somedoesn't mean they are," King

King said if he is not picked in the draft, there is always the possibility of being signed as a free agent but if that does not work out he plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Johnese, a native of Baton

Rouge, will become only second player in NSU history to skip his senior season a enter the draft as a junior.

The last Demon to do so wa running back Tony Taylo who Johnese surpassed most career touchdowns NSU with 34.

Johnese said he was passin up his last year of eligibil due to financial issues and fact that he had a daugh that he wants to take care of

Like King, Johnese spend the weekend at hor with family waiting to he from his agent with son good news and said he pro bly won't even watch draft.

"I'm just going to be sitting around talking with fami hoping I get a call," Johns said. "I probably won't wat

Although he has not take any trips to NFL teams, NSL career scoring leader with 2 points has been in contact on the phone with some team including the New )

"I talked to the Giants at they're talking to me pret good," Johnese said. don't get drafted though know I'll get picked up a free agent.'

Along with King, Johns Banna and Buckley, Sl Defensive Player of the Johnson and West will all! waiting to hear good new about their possible futur

Johnson, who may picked for an NFL team & safety, was a Buck Buchan award finalist in 2004 whi leading the D-IAA No.1 R ple Swarm defense with tackles, 58 solo.

# Demons drop first home game to Lafayette

By Justin Hebert Sports Editor

The newly No.35 ranked NSU Demon baseball team faced the No.14 Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns in the first-ever meeting of ranked teams at Brown-Stroud Field in an attempt to defend their new ranking.

The Demons fell short. Neither team scored after the top of the 2nd inning when Lafayette's Micah Cockrell hit a two-run go ahead and eventual game-winning home run off of Demon starter Rusty Jones.

"They pitched really good tonight, and offensively we scattered our hits and never put them together where we could mount a lot of pressure on them," Demon head coach Mitch Gaspard said. "We failed to execute in certain situations in the game that I felt were crucial.'

NSU jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Demon shortstop Scott Pittenger scored on Blake Jones' single.

Rusty Jones, senior Shawn Johnston, junior Daniel Clark, and senior Blake jones

"We failed to execute in certain situations in the game that I felt were crucial."

Mitch Gaspard NSU head baseball coach

shutout innings only allowing two hits after the second.

"One positive tonight was Daniel Clark and the way he came in and pitched," Gaspard said. "We've been looking for another pitcher to step up for us, and he certainly did that tonight."

The Cajuns' pitching staff held tough, going through three pitchers who did not give up a run the rest of the

Left fielder Michael Palermo led the Demons at the plate going three for four while first baseman Bobby combined to pitch seven Barbier and catcher Marty



Leslie Westbrook/the Current

Demon shortstop Scott Pittenger slides safely into third base after tagging up on second baseman Brandon Morgan's fly ball to left field, tenger scored the only run for the Demons Wednesday night following this play on Bobby Barbier's single.

again as they travel to Beau- ahead of Lamar. mont, Texas, to take on the

Dewees each picked up two Lamar Cardinals in a very there and win the series, it The Demons hit the road NSU in first just three games tion to have an opportunity

""I think if we can go over said.

important SLC series, with sets us up in real good posi-' to win the league," Gaspard

The Demons and Ca nals will face off Friday p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., finish up with Sunda game at 1.

# Vinson leads Demon offense in spring scrimmage

Sports Editor

The NSU offense got the wheels turning Sunday in their second of three spring scrimmages up against a stingy Purple Swarm defense as senior quarterback Davon Vinson compiled 208 total yards on 12 of 19 passing and a touchdown. Vinson threw for 177 yards and rushed for

31 yards. "When Davon plays well we're always going to play well," fourth-year head coach what I expect from Davon. He's a guy that can make some things happen with his feet and with his arm."

Vinson finished off an eight play 60-yard drive on the offense's fourth possession of the scrimmage with a 17vard play action touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Clayton Broyles.

Vinson also had a 20-yard third-down completion to junior wide receiver Dane Charpentier and a 10-yard

By Justin Hebert Scott Stoker said. "That's before finding him for the defender, caught it and then freshman linemen in there touchdown strike.

Along with Vinson, freshman walk-on Richard Charpentier and sophomore Joe Leone all saw action at quarterback joining for a total of 309 yards and three touchdowns on 16 of 24 accuracy.

Richard Charpentier first connected with junior tailback Greg Skidmore for a 25yard touchdown strike.

Two drives later he threw the ball up for junior wide receiver Josh Mosby who connection with Broyles tipped it up to himself over a

led a foot race all the way to the end zone for a 74-yard touchdown.

Capping off the scrimmage, the workout's top rusher, freshman tailback Anthony Holmes, broke around the corner for a 19yard touchdown run on the final play. Holmes finished

with 38 yards on 11 carries. "Offensively we've made some strides over the last 12 practices," Stoker said. "We're still making some mental mistakes with some

but we're getting better."

Stoker said he was impressed with the offense not turning the ball over

The only turnovers during the scrimmage were two fumbles on back-to-back plays, both recovered by defensive end Charlie Brooks, one of which was returned 51 yards for a touch-

down. "We've got to play with more intensity of defense," Stoker said. "But we did a good job bowing up there when we made big plays offensively and to settle for field goals." The Demon offense

forced to settle for a field! four times. Freshman Lee Scott kicks of 26 and 27 yards

was off the mark on attel from 33 and 40 yards. NSU will continue st

practices Wednesday nig Turpin leading up to the Annual Joe Delaney spring game on Saturday p.m.

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# aviation, post office boxes

By Tasha Braggs Sauce Reporter with staff reports

NSU students may be adding up the costs of as many as a dozen new fees this

Carl Jones, vice president of business affairs, Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs, and Randall Webb, president of the university, met last semester to discuss how to raise money while avoiding another tuition increase

Seymour said that at the meeting, a memo was distributed about fees that could be increased. Seymour said the memo, sent to Sally Clausen, president of the University of Louisiana System, proposed 12 fee increases for review and approval.

Seymour said the fee increases are to help the University's operating budget, which provides for expenses from salaries to office supplies, without having to increase

Information on when and how these increases would affect the University was unavailable at press time. The memo from Webb to Clausen, which was acquired by the Current Sauce and is dated May 6, proposed the increases for the fall 2004 term. The UL System vice president of finance signed the memo on May 7 under an

#### Upped fees

Proposed May 6 by President Webb

- · Late Registration: Up \$10 to \$60; would add about \$4.670
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- per billing cycle; would add about \$41,615 Library Fines: Up \$0.25 to \$0.50 per day; would add about \$15,000
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- add about \$4,670
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- · Vehicle Registration: First vehicle up \$20 to \$45, second vehicle up \$5 to \$15; would add about \$147,120 per fiscal year

### Hiked fees include testing, Cochran to exit Scholars' top spot

By Garrett Guillotte Associate Editor

After eight years of heading the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State, the director of the pioneering honors program is stepping down.

Margaret Cochran announced her decision to step down as the college's director to its faculty Friday afternoon. She will remain on the college's faculty as a fulltime professor after her decision takes effect on Aug. 16.

Cochran's decision will not detrimentaly affect classes in the fall semester. In fact, the college added a new section of one of its core classes for the fall, which Cochran will teach.

Cochran, the college's fifth and longesttermed director since its inception in 1987, said her decision comes as part of a greater shift in the University.

"I've done this for a long time," Cochran said. "I think the University wants to move the college into a new phase.

Such a new phase, she said, would include branching out into new ideas while reenergizing faculty and student involvement in the college.

"I was good for this phase because I'm a demographer," said Cochran, who also has taught a broad range of classes for the college, including ecology and mathematics.

Cochran said her strengths in statistical analysis and inside knowledge of the



Under Cochran, the college began offering a liberal arts major, foreign language concentrations, joint majors with the University, classics and liberal arts minors, and teacher certification programs for its graduates.

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Cochran also attended more than 200 undergraduate thesis defenses, an essential part of every Scholars' student's gradua. tion process, as director, and oversaw the college's long move into Morrison Hall.

"It feels really good to look back at the accomplishments that the students have made," Cochran said. "That's what it's all about, the students.'

Scheffler said a change in the college's administration gives the University an opportunity to redefine the director's responsibilities.

"We want to see what's been working and what can be growth opportunities,

Scheffler said the University would advertise the position nationally in the fall. A committee of three Scholars' professors Fraser Snowden, Curt Phifer and Lisa Wolffe — will discuss who will lead the college during the interim. Recent alumni of the college were interviewed for their input

Scheffler also said that Scholars' Co students and faculty, as well as

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This issue: **Dropping classes** 

# Dropping classes a dangerous, powerful tool

By Garrett Guillotte
Associate Editor

Starting a college career with an ambitious schedule of classes might sound like a good idea to a new student, but inevitably, there will be a class that presents a hard choice: should I drop it, or stay in it?

It could be due to a scheduling conflict with an extracurricular activity, another class, or job. For some students, scheduling an early morning class can feel like a terrible idea once the semester starts. Maybe a new class section or elective class opens up that's more appealing.

ing.

There's also the old standby: a student is just not doing well enough — or showing up enough — to pass or make the grade he or she wants.

That's the reason why the ability to drop a class is one of the most valuable, and potentially dangerous, differences for a student making the transition from high school to col-

the direction of other forms of assistance, such as futoring.

Also, talking to the teacher of the class in question will often help a struggling student. Even in larger classes, teachers almost always prefer a struggling student to ask for help rather than drop the class.

If a class must be dropped, however, there are two dates a student needs to remember: when dropping with a 'W' grade begins (within the first few days of the semester), and when it ends (usually around midterm). The 'W' grade stands for 'Withdrawn,' and goes permanently onto a student's transcript.

While a 'W' grade has no effect on a student's GPA, several 'W's on a transcript may send negative signals to a prospective graduate school or employer. It can make a student appear inconsistent or afraid of challenges and risks.

Also, dropping a class that a student needs to graduate sets him or her that much further back, and could potentially require an extra year of study.

That said most students have little to fear

ships, insurance discounts and certain student loans, are at stake.

If a class turns sour or conflicts occur within the first few days of the semester, it may be possible to drop it without incurring a 'W' grade. In that case, there is no permanent record that the student ever took the class at all. Also, there won't be a charge for taking the class, and if the class has been paid for, the student may — but not always — be due a refund.

The worst class-dropping scenario is to miss the 'W' grade drop-by date. Once that passes, the only good chance a student has to get out of a class without an 'F' is to resign from all University classes. The only reasons to do this would be in very serious emergencies, such as a long-term debilitating illness, catastrophic injury or major family problem.

Freshmen and newly transferred students who cannot change their schedules on-line can drop and add classes through their adviser and the Registrar's Office in Roy Hall. Students who qualify for Internet scheduling can log on to my.nsula.edu or www2.nsula.edu to

decisions. Also, students with special reasons for needing to leave classes, such as being called up for active military duty, should consult the Registrar's Office.

Details about refunds for classes can be found at the Financial Aid office in Roy Hall and the Cashier's Office in St. Denis Hall.

This Fall:

- $\bullet$  Dropping full-term classes with a 'W' starts  $Aug.\,31.$
- Dropping full-term classes with a 'W' ends Oct. 29.
- Final day to resign with 'W' plus midterm grades is **Nov. 19**.

This Summer (three-week sessions only):

- Dropping classes with a 'W' begins June 9 (session 2)/June 30 (session 3)/July 21 (session 4)
- Dropping classes with a 'W' ends June 21 (session 2)/July 12 (session 3)/Aug. 2 (session 4)

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# **OPINIONS**

# Freshmen, avoid being stuck in the dark early



By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

.. Wow, it's really dark in here ..

Hey incoming freshmen! I'm your 2004-2005 Current Sauce editor, here to serve you with valuable information about the University you will soon be attending. Tonight, however, I am a little incapacitated. See, as I was writing this column, the horrible storm that is raging outside got bad enough to leave the entire campus (and city of Natchitoches) powerless. Here I am, in the pitch dark newsroom, writing the old-fashioned way, with a pen and paper. But when the paper does come out, you will read my top five ways not to be left in the dark at NSU.

1. Don't become the Sauce editor. Just kidding! Extra-curricular involvement on campus, other than getting your schoolwork done, is the most important part of your college experience. As a freshman, I campus makes and und understand level of happiness and your social develop-

ment. So when you get here in the fall, move into your dorm or apartment, buy your books, then join a club or organization right a way. Believe me. You'll be glad you did.

2. Study hard, but party harder. Developing a happy medium between work and play is not something that comes natural to most college students – it's a skill to be perfected over time. I've noticed that many freshmen tend to fall into two categories:

1. Those who party too much, blow off classes, and are forced to snap out of it at the end of the year, or...

2. Those who study too hard, become social recluses, and are burned out at the end of the year

If you don't fall into one of these categories, *good for you*! I fell into category 2. I may have had an excellent GPA, but I wasn't happy. So take this advice: *don't* ignore your schoolwork, but take the time to enjoy yourself, because no matter how hard you work, burnout will drive your ambition into the ground.

3. Don't be scared. Ask anybody anything. Of course there are always exceptions to the rule, but for the most part, guess what? They answer. There are many

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questions that you will have that your Freshman Connectors and your orientation class may overlook. When these questions pop up, ask someone right away! There's no such thing as a stupid question on this campus, so don't hesitate.

4. Learn the system. Go to your academic adviser, at least for your first year. Study the catalog. Map out a tentative year-by-year plan of what classes you need to take, so that you won't have any big surprises by visit, such as interest your as in the surprises.

and housing. Knowing where to go for what problem will save you lots of time and headache. I learned all of this information quickly by working on the newspaper, but you can do it simply by picking up the phone. Go to www.nsula.edu, and under the Faculty/Staff menu there's a phone directory of every important person on campus.

5. Grades matter, but experience matters more. It all depends on your field of study, but I've been told by many wise people that there's little difference between a 3.0 student and a 4.0 student in the grand scheme of things. Try your hardest to do well, but don't kill yourself. Instead, start trying to gain work experience in your field early on. Classroom instruction is important, but you will learn much more actually doing the things that you plan to do for the rest of your life. Ask your professors about possible internships that are available in your field of study. Start early, and you'll have a great competitive advantage when you get out in the work world.

Well, the power is still out, but at 1:30! I've written a piece that will he

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#### Reader takes issue with review

Dear Editor,

I am a Freshman and an NSU Theatre student. My letter concern Christal Navarre's latest article ("Counterpoint," 4/29), critiquing Courtney Young's dance variety show, "The Black Crook." Even though I was not a dancer

#### Letter to the Editor

in "Black Crook", (I was, however, one of the so-called "two-dimensional" supporting actors in last fall's "Rimers of Eldritch") Miss Navarre's criticisms still bother me. I could easily tear apart her article with my own judgment, but I am not a critic. Those who cannot do, critique. We are here to provide entertain-

ment, and you are ungrateful. I seriously doubt that Miss Navarre could dance, act or sing as good as any of those performers on stage, including Jules Lambert. Miss Navarre compared Jules' performance to that of Queen Latifah, even though it was clear that Jules made that number her own. Comparing the song to Latifah's version was sophomoric and immature.

As for Shane Stelly's performance...Hertzog is in no way based off the MC from "Cabaret". And even if it was, some might say that Christal Navarre is just Peter Travers wannabe. Only that Peter Travers likes everything he sees, and Miss Navarre is the exact opposite. She can only seem to focus on the negative.

Even though the article did cause a stir among Theatre students, know that we only care about judgment from our peers, which is always purely CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM. I know I speak for the others in the Theatre Department when I say:

Department when I say:
CRITICIZE ALL YOU WANT, CHRISTAL.
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WASTE OF PAPER, AND A WASTE OF TIME.

I hope you enjoy the next season of NSU Theatre Productions. I hope that all the singing, dancing and acting is completely 100% perfect for you.

#### Eric Duhon

Editor's Note: Navarre's review ran next to a positive review of equal length by staff writer Kyle Shirley.



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### Computer kills the radio star: auto-DJ to help KNWD

By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

Because of a new automated computer system, Northwestern's radio station, 91.7 FM KNWD "The Demon," is now playing music 24 hours a day.

The new system allows KNWD disc jockeys to program play lists of music that will play continuously throughout the day and night without the DJ actually being present at the station.

The system, called the SS32, was developed by Scott Studios Corporation in Dallas. KNWD began using the system at the end of finals week in May.

The system consists of two computers. The computer in KNWD's production room is used to transfer music from CDs to the system. The songs are then trimmed and labeled in order to make them fit to be played on the radio. Then, the songs are transferred to a second computer which

plays them on the air.
"We have three different categories of songs," said KNWD General Manager Brad Hartley. "We have loud rock, top 200 and hip hop, and they all have different folders like heavy rotation or gold, which is the old

Most of the music that has been transferred to the KNWD system has come from mal music collection

"I want every student to be able to turn the radio on whatever hour of the day or night and just hear something really great."

**Brad Hartley** KNWD General Manager

the air, but if someone has a really good music collection, I can determine if it can be played," Hartley said. "We're looking for really good music, really high-quality music so we can build up an awesome play list. I want every student to be able to turn the radio on whatever hour of the day or night and just hear something really great."

It is not especially common for college stations to have automated DJ systems, Hartley said.

"It's weird because a bunch of college radio stations really don't have it," Hartley said. "A bunch of them are aspiring to get it, but they are stuck in the same stage as we were, just playing CDs."

Hartley said it is a privilege for KNWD to



Journalism Operations Engineer Roy Davis explains the new Scott System 32 Wednesday. The system will allow disc jockeys to create customized playlists, insert liners and announcements, and automate a show.

"Commercial radio stations are all automated, and if we're going to teach people to be DIs, they'll be familiar with the automation system instead of just hitting play on a CD player," Hartley said.

Hartley said he is in the process of learn-

in the fall.

"It's not going to be too hard," Hartley said. "I'm probably going to just pile them all up in here and show them how to use the system. Then, during their free time they can come individually to ask questions. We have about a week before we pick DJs, so



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# Now playing: recent movies' capsule reviews

Courtesy Los Angeles Times Mean Girls

#### Breakin' All the Rules

Jamie Foxx plays Quincy Watson, an out-of-work men's magazine editor who writes a manual for terminating relationships. The book makes him a pop-cult hero -- and a sounding board for just about every sap with a breakup dilemma. This would include Quincy's cousin (Morris Chestnut), a blithe serial Lothario who's wondering when and how he should cut it off with a sultry nurse (Gabrielle Union) who, it turns out, is fond of romantic gamesmanship herself. Writer-director Daniel Taplitz establishes a cool, dry zone for his actors to carry out the film's conventional yet fairly seamless plot twists. Even such lowbrow running gags as an alcoholic pug and the inevitable "dirty old man" are handled with light fingers and soft gloves. Jennifer Esposito and Peter MacNicol costar. (1:25. R, for strong bloody violence/carnage, language, sexuality and drug use.)

#### The Day After Tomorrow

In his latest special effects onslaught, director Roland Emmerich again wipes out enormous swaths of humanity and real estate, but this time the overall tone is funereal, sober. An ace "paleo-climatologist" (Dennis Quaid) warns that global warming means the planet will soon be putting Jack's warning into play with the very latest and undoubtedly the very coolest f/x technology at his disposal. But the story is too silly, too woefully underwritten, to stake a claim on seriousness. Surely it says something that the most moving performance in the film comes from a digital city. Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Emmy Rossum and Sela Ward star. (2:04. Rated PG-13 for intense situations of

Like many stories about flamboyant evil, this cheerfully frivolous teen comedy exults in the sight of mini-me Marthas flipping their perfect hair and licking their bloodflecked lips. Blissfully unaware of the teengirl menace, recent transplant Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan) enters high school with the usual case of jitters. To survive, Cady must tame the beasts within and those roaming the halls, specifically the school's killer queen bee, Regina (Rachel McAdams) and her minions. The filmmakers seem to know girl villainy from the inside out perhaps because one of the film's chief architects is Tina Fey, the head writer on "Saturday Night Live," who also costars as a math teacher. Fey's perfect sneer suggests that this is a woman who's tasted her share of blood; that sneer may also explain why her screenplay so thoroughly loves its mean girls. Directed by Mark Waters (`Freaky Friday"). (1:33.PG-13, for sexual content, language and some teen partying.)

#### Raising Helen

Kate Hudson stars as the fast-living, jetsetting assistant to the head of a top modeling agency (Helen Mirren) who finds her life suddenly changed when she is made the guardian of her sister's three children following a car accident that kills the sister (Felicity Huffman) and her husband. Not the obvious choice for the job, Helen is at chugs along in the Hollywood neurerworld where humor and pathos are in short supply. John Corbett, Joan Cusack, Hayden Panettiere, Spencer Breslin and Abigail Breslin co-star. (1:59. Rated PG-13 for thematic issues involving teens.)

Can an Oscar-winning animated success generate a successful sequel? The answer is yes. A key reason for this accomplishment is

that so much of the talent of the original has returned, including all three of its vocal stars: Eddie Murphy as Donkey, Cameron Diaz as Princess Fiona and Mike Myers as Shrek. These are people who know how to make the trains run on time, and run on time they do. Less enthralling is the initial conflict-with-the-in-laws plot structure. Fortunately, "Shrek 2" has two new characters up its sleeve who liven things up considerably -- a malicious, completely insincere fairy godmother (Jennifer Saunders) and Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas). With the voices of Julie Andrews, John Cleese and Rupert Everett. Directed by Andrew Adamson, Kelly Asbury and Conrad Vernon. (1:36. PG, for some crude humor, a brief substance reference and some suggestive content.) Soul Plane

Director Jessy Terrero steps up from the music video ranks to make his feature debut, but he's flying strictly cargo class with this crass, unfunny attempt at an urbanized version of "Airplane!" Its skewed view of black culture, presumably meant to satirize, instead pigeonholes African Americans by focusing on sex and drugs. The movie's major malfunction, however, is that it's just not very funny. Tom Arnold, K.D. Aubert, Method Man and Snoop Dogg co-star. (1:26. Rated R for strong sexual content, language and some

Van Helsing

While director Stephen Sommers' gift for pulp material and boundless onscreen energy do have an impact, "Van Helsing," like the work of the good Dr. Frankenstein, is an experiment gone awry. Hugh Jackman plays Van Helsing, presented here as a kind of 19th century James Bond, employed by a secret Vatican society to rid the world of evil. His assignment leads him to Transylvania, where he takes on Count Dracula, Frankenstein's monster and the Wolfman. Unable to be consistently amusing and overburdened by all its special effects, the film positions itself as an action-adventure extravaganza. But effects-laden though it is, there's little that lasts in the mind for more than five seconds. Kate Beckinsale also stars. (2:11. PG-13, for nonstop creature action violence and frightening images and for

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Opening June 4)

The third year at Hogwarts brings aspiring wizards Harry, Ron and Hermione face to face with an escapee. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Robbie Coltrane, Michael Gambon, Gary Oldman and Emma Thompson star. Steve Kloves adapted J.K. Rowling. Directed by Alfonso Cuaron. (PG, for frightening moments, creature violence

# Loan refunds coming soon

By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

Many students have already received their summer refund checks, but others continue to anxiously check the mail for

Director of Financial Aid Misti Adams said that the source of students' financial aid determines when they receive their

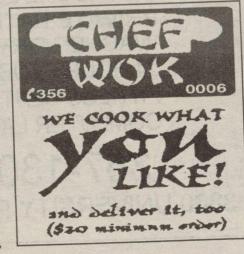
Adams said that students who received scholarships and Pell Grants have already had their aid processed, and their refund checks have been issued.

However, students who received student loans will not receive their refund checks until after the second summer session

"According to state regulation, we can't give refunds to students until they are enrolled in six hours of classes," Adams said. "In the fall and spring, it's not an issue

because you are enrolled in all of your classes at the same time, but in the summer, you have to wait until the second session."

Adams said that students should be aware of the regulation because it is mentioned on the forms that they signed when applying for student loans.





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# SPORTS IN BRIEF

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# Barbier named an academic all-American

Northwestern State designated hitter Bobby Barbier joined an elite list of Demon baseball players on Tuesday when he was named to the 2004 Academic All-America Team, which was announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America

Barbier, a sophomore from Lafayette, was listed on the third team and joins fellow Demons Terry Joseph (1993 & 1995) and Ryan Anholt (1999) as the only Northwestern baseball players to be named to any academic all-American team. He's the first



NSU athlete to be recognized for his academic achievements since 2002, when softball centerfielder Annie Johnston was named to the Academic All-American First Team. Barbier is also the only player from the state of Louisiana to be named to the

team and joins Lamar outfielder Jordan Foster (second team honors) as the only two players from the Southland Conference to be recognized.

A Health and Human Performance major with a 3.55 grade point average, Barbier helped guide the Demons to a 33-23 record in 2004, including a second place finish in the Southland Conference standings.

Barbier earned all-conference honorable mention honors after hitting .293 with a team-high nine home runs. He finished second on the team and seventh in the league with 48 runs batted in. He also ranked in the top 10 in the league with a 42.6 on-base percentage, hit three triples to rank him 10th, drew 32 base-on-balls to rank eighth, and led the league after being hit by 15 pitches.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.20 on a four-point scale, reach sophomore athletic and academic standing at his or her current institution and be nominated by his or her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Division I, II, III and NAIA, covering all NCAA championship sports.

### Baseball eliminated from conference tournament

Briefs

Northwestern State was eliminated from the Southland Conference Tournament with two losses in Hammond Friday, dropping a 5-1 decision to top-seeded Lamar in the winner's bracket then falling 3-1 to Louisiana-Monroe in the nightcap.

Lamar and ULM's defenses held secondruns and six him

twice to lose the tournament.

Comeaux, Waugh earn trips to **NCAA Outdoor Championships** 

Northwestern State freshman javelin

and Field Championships at LSU's Bernie Moore Track Stadium.

Comeaux threw 148-9 to advance to the national championships in two weeks in Austin, Texas. She will join Demon sophomore high jumper Cameron Waugh at the NCAA Outdoors. Waugh will also be making his first national meet appearance after a and the 18th time in 22 years under coach Leon Johnson.

#### Zerwick, Miller, Thompson make conference all-academic teams

Women's tennis star Anneline Zerwick and softball seniors Crista Miller and Tracye Thompson represented Northwestern State on the Southland Conference All-Academic Teams for their sports.

Head coaches, academic advisors and sports information directors voted on the teams, which were announced May 25.

Zerwick, a native of Pretoria, South Africa, had the best season of her career by posting a 14-4 overall record with an impressive 13-1 record in conference play. She also had a 3.95 grade point average in accounting.

Miller, a Baton Rouge native, was an honorable mention all-conference selection this season while finishing her career with 45 career wins, tied for fourth in school history. She is a health and exercise science major with a 3.60 cumulative GPA.

-- Laton Rouse conned ment. She carried a 3.90 GPA in accounting and picked up six doubles, two triples, two home runs and 13 RBI in 54 starts this season.

#### Four Demons make first-team conference baseball team

The Southland Conference released its 2004 All-SLC teams on Monday and Northwestern State is the only team in the league to place four players on the first team.

Seniors Tigger Lyles and Josh Boop join junior Clayton Turner and sophomore Brandon Morgan on the first team while senior Mike Breaux, junior Rusty Jones and sophomore Bobby Barbier were listed on the honorable mention team.



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University accepts Campus Corner's bid for on-campus bookstores

> As Barnes and Noble's contract with NSU for the University's three on-campus bookstores expires, the University proposes a company close to home to replace them: off-campus store Campus Corner.

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Photo of University Bookstore by Leslie Westbrook

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# University wants Campus Corner on campuses

By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

After three years with Barnes and Noble College Booksellers, the University is considering turning over its on-campus bookstore operations to Campus Corner.

The University must now seek the approval of the University of Louisiana System to go further with the decision.

The process for choosing a bookstore company began when Barnes and Noble chose to refuse a one-year extension period as allowed for in its contract with the University.

The three-year contract, which Barnes and Noble signed in August 2001, includes operations on the Natchitoches, Shreveport and and we wanted to make a few changes." He Leesville-Fort Polk campuses.

The contract allowed for two one-year extension periods if both parties agreed to keep the original terms and conditions, said Dan Seymour, vice president of student affairs.

Seymour said that the University sent Barnes and Noble a letter asking if they wanted the first one-year extension.

"Barnes and Noble wrote back and said, Yes, but, we would like to suggest that, due to economic conditions, that we make changes to the contract," Seymour said.

Dominic Raby, the Natchitoches campus store's textbooks manager, said, "Basically sales didn't meet our expectations this year,

would not elaborate on the changes that Barnes and Noble wanted to make to its con-

Seymour said that changing the contract was not legally possible because the terms of the original agreement must be the same during the extension periods. Therefore, Barnes and Noble would have to let the contract expire, and the University would have to open the bookstore operations to bidding again.

"If you want to make just one itty bitty little change, you have to start the bid process all over again," Raby said. "People are making a big deal over this (the changes), but it's really not that big of a deal."

The University received proposals from Barnes and Noble; Campus Corner, which owns off-campus stores in Natchitoches and Shreveport; and national book distributor Fol-

Director of Auxiliary Services Jennifer Anderson said that the bookstore selection committee met on Monday and voted "to move forward with negotiations" for a lease with Campus Corner.

Anderson and Seymour will travel to Baton Rouge today to attend a meeting of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors. They will ask the board to approve the committee's decision to negotiate with Cam-

#### to lead Scholars' during interim Social Science professor selected

**By Garrett Guillotte** Associate Editor

The University's choice to direct the Louisiana Scholars' College as it searches for a replacement will come from the School of Social Sciences.

Greg Granger, now working as program coordinator for the school, will take over as the College's interim director on August 17. The College's current director, Margaret Cochran, announced that she was stepping down from the position late last month.

Granger, who said his selection by University Provost Anthony Scheffler came "out of the blue," will maintain his class



fall and spring semesters. Also, Granger said he will

keep his title with the School as program director.

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He said he had worked closely with Scheffler when he was president of the Fac-

ulty Senate last fall. Scheffler was also advised by a panel of Scholars' College faculty that included professors Lisa Wolffe, Fraser Snowden and Curt Phifer.

Granger said he hoped his work with the College would not hurt the School of Social Sciences, which was still in transition from

being a department-level part of the University with fewer functions.

"My job (with the School) was to take over a lot of day-to-day interactions with faculty and students," Granger said. "We're really taking strides.

However, with his position frozen as he directs the College, Granger said Social Sciences Director Kathleen Byrd will have to find ways to continue his work, which includes developing a senior capstone course and a lecture series.

Scheffler said Granger's move would not interfere with the School or University. In fact, he said, it would be better for both, as it would allow all of the College's faculty,

including Cochran, to teach full-time.

Granger said he has long been a supporter of the College.

"I'm a believer in Scholars'," said Granger, who has given lectures to the college for eight years, and whose wife, Pamela Francis, was a recruiter for the College. "It's a great program."

He said that while his position as interim director will be temporary, he looks forward to making progress with the College, and showed interest in pursuing the permanent position when it is advertised in August.

"I just plan to cooperate and help out," Granger said, adding that he wants to make the College more visible and well known.

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**3:18 p.m.** A report was made that a student worker drove a golf cart through a plate glass window at the Student Union. There were no injuries.

#### June 6

2:15 p.m. A man called to report a shattered window on a car outside of Iberville. The officer who responded reported that nothing was taken and that the breaking looked accidental.

**7:26 p.m.** A man called to report that his son, who is staying in Sabine Hall for band camp, had all of his belongings removed from his dorm room and placed in the hallway. The child said that some of his belongings were stolen. The Resident Adviser on duty at Sabine handled the situation.

10:52 p.m. A call was made from Rapides Hall to report two missing cheerleaders. Two minutes later, the sponsor called to report that everything was fine. The missing cheerleaders were found in another room.

#### June 7

**10:44 p.m.** A fire alarm sounded in Caddo Hall. The camp children responsible told firemen that they were trying to kill some ants with aerosol air-freshener. They said that the spray was sucked into the vents, and it set off the alarm.

#### June !

**6:00 p.m.** A junior high cheerleader adviser called to report that some boys residing on the second floor of Sabine Hall urinated in a bottle and then threw it on some of her cheerleaders.

**7:10 p.m.** The urine-thrower was identified, and his mother was called to come pick him up.

10:45 p.m. An officer spoke with Bill Brent, director of bands and associate professor of music, about getting the urine-thrower's tuba from the music building. Brent said that the student broke all of the rules, and that he was not getting out of bed to assist the child. The b oy did, however, retrieve his instrument and left campus by 11:06 p.m.

#### June

**6:45 p.m.** Natchitoches Fire Department responded to an alarm set off in Prudomme Hall. This was another false alarm set off by aerosol spray.

#### June 10

**4:39 p.m.** An officer told several summer football campers that swimming in Chaplin's lake is not allowed.

#### June 11

**9:09 p.m.** A call was made from the theater department reporting that 15 to 20 kids were running around and making a lot of noise on the second floor of the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center.

**9:14 p.m.** An officer reported that the noise was coming from middle school band campers, and he told the director of the camp that the students needed to stop running.

#### June 12

**6:56 a.m.** A student living in married student housing called to report that an SUV had been broken into over the night. She reported that glass was shattered everywhere and that she also saw blood.

#### June 13

**2:18 a.m.** A man called to report that a student residing in Bossier Hall might commit suicide. The officer that responded said that it was only a prank call from the woman's ex-boyfriend.

#### June 15

**4:36 a.m.** An officer reported that he saw a man carrying a bag and walking on campus. The officer approached the man and found out that he was only an NSU student walking to work.

#### June 17

2:34 a.m. An officer spoke with the secretary of the Kappa Sigmas and told him that he suspects that the Kappa Sigma house has become a hangout for people after the bars close. The officer told the secretary that the house was being watched.

**April Dickson** 

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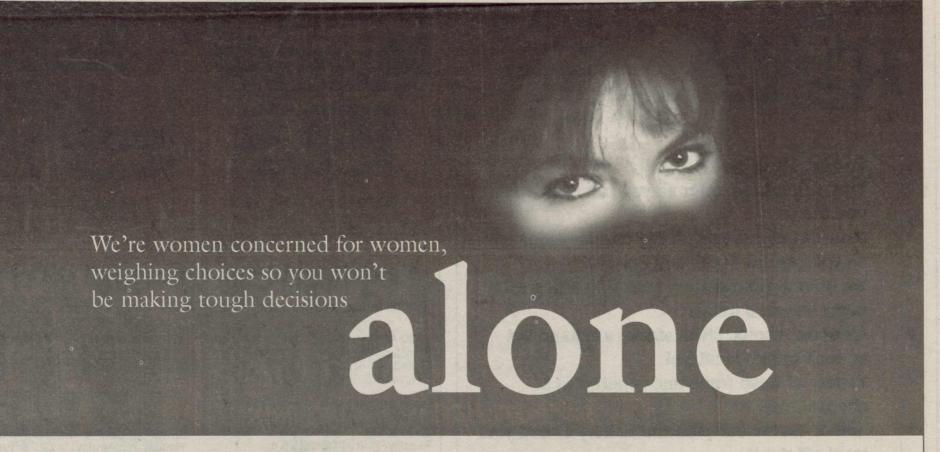
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# Broadway hits headline summer theater

By Kyle A. Carter Sauce Reporter

The theater department has been practicing for five weeks to produce this year's installment of the Northwestern State University Summer Dinner Theatre.

Starting tonight and running through August, the theater department will put on two musicals, The Fantasticks and Dames at Sea, that have been great successes on Broadway. Dinner will be served before each performance as well.

Scott Burrell, associate professor of theater and director of The Fantasticks, said that he and Roger Held, the head of the theater department, collaborated to pick two popular productions.

They are proven to be audience pleasers and your typical American musical performances," Burrell said.

Rehearsal for the shows has been going on for the past five weeks, with six rehearsals a week, said Burrell.

Planning for the productions has been an continuing process. The theater department scanned the community for possible cast members, with auditions for both performances starting at the beginning of the spring semester and ending around the beginning of the summer.

The Fantasticks has been the longest running Broadway musical, spanning more

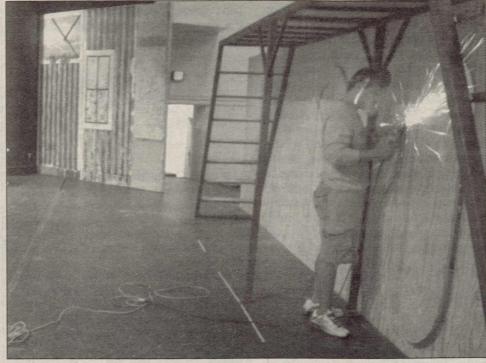


Photo by Leslie Westbrook

NSU student Ryan Thaxton welds on the set of The Fantasticks Wednesday afternoon.

than 40 years and 15,000 performances. The musical is about a young man and woman whose fathers stage a feud in order to make. their children fall in love. The incidents then lead to a real feud between the fathers and the eventual splitting of the lovers. In the

end the audience is shown the lessons they learned from the experience and the final reuniting of the lovers.

"It has the old boy meets girl, gets, and loses girl plot," Burrell said.

Dames at Sea director Patricia Helsel said

The Fantasticks performance dates: June 24, 25, 26 July 9, 15, 17, 23, 29, 31 August 7

Dames at Sea performance dates: July 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 16, 22, 24, 30 August 5, 6

Dinner is served on stage at 6:30 p.m. with curtain at 7:30 p.m.

her show is a spoof of the typical 1930's musical. The characters are meant to represent actors and actresses from that time period, and the score includes songs and tap numbers in the style of that era's musicals.

Helsel said the musical makes fun of the interchangeable stock plots of those musicals, such as how the leading lady comes from a small town to both fall in love and make it big.

"We are spoofing here the girl from Centerville, U.S.A., who comes to Broadway to make it big - and guess what she does," Helsel said

The performances are open to all, but reservations are required with the theater department before the productions begin. Attendance is \$20, which includes dinner and dessert. For more information and ticket reservations, call 357-4522.

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### Sonic Nurse keeps Youth sounding young, eccentric



Sonic Youth Geffen Records

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By Leslie Westbrook Photo Editor

Aging career rockers Sonic Youth undoubtedly keep their youthful energy alive on their atest LP, Sonic Nurse.

Despite the group's fixed 90's alternative style, longtime fans will be more than satisfied, and newer Youth discoverers will uncover a cool sound that fits the times as well as it did 10 years ago.

Youth's June 8 release date was a bonus to listeners because "Pattern Recognition"

CD Review opens the album with brisk, fresh guitar spikes and rolls that cool the ears and compliment a mellow summer afternoon.

"Kim Gordon and the Arthur Doyle Hand Cream" sounds like a chopped up, metallic version of "Gold Dust Woman" by Fleetwood Mac. The album then creeps and roars through track after track of classic Youth musicianship, not going anywhere excitingly original but still leaving a trail of genuinely inspirational rock for younger experimental musicians to pick up hints from.

Earlier Youth albums like Murray Street, Experimental Jet Set, and Washing Machine all defined the band's place in the alternative rock music era. With Sonic Nurse, Youth effectively reinstates their eccentric, confident style.

The album is worth picking up, and will most likely be a welcome break to some from the overabundance of power rock that's clogged modern rock radio for the past few

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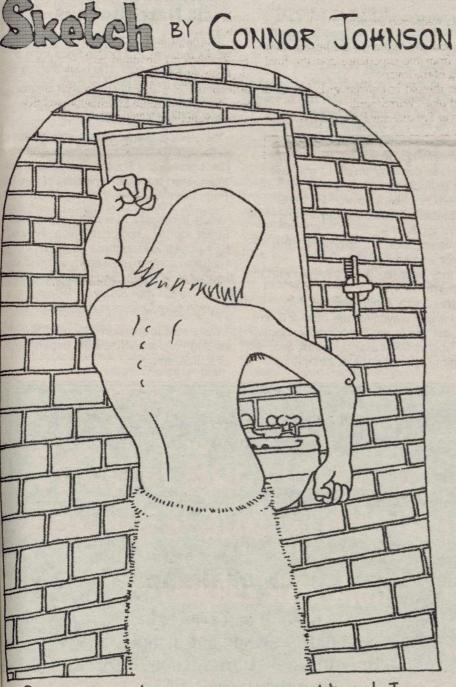
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### **What's Current**

From staff and news bureau reports

### Jones: Fee increases will take effect in fall

Vice President of Business Affairs Carl Jones said optional fee increases proposed in May will take effect this fall.

The 12 fee increases, which range from parking ticket costs to aviation charges, are expected to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the University and prevent another tuition increase next

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour said the Traffic and Parking Affairs Committee will meet to discuss a raise in the fee for a second vehicle hangtag. The Committee has already approved the first-hangtag fee increase.

### Eight to be added to state sports hall of fame

Natchitoches will host the Louisiana Sports Writers' Hall of Fame induction ceremony Saturday at Prather Coliseum.

The eight inductees include:

- · Leon Barmore, the first man inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, as coach of the Lady Techsters;
- Will Clark, a six-time MLB All-Star who played in two National League Championship Series;
- · Hollis Conway, America's only twotime Olympic high jump medalist;
- Red Franklin, who won 11 state championships coaching Haynesville High School football;
- Albert Lewis, a four-time NFL Pro Bowler with Kansas City;
- Tony Sardisco, an AFL All-Pro with the Boston Patriots:
- Neil Smith, a five-time NFL Pro Bowler who played for the Denver Broncos' last two Super Bowl-winning teams;

who will receive the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism at the induction ceremony.

The ceremony will be open to ticket holders only.

### **University seeks Student Activities Director**

NSU is advertising its Student Activities Director position with an Aug. 1 deadline.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Seymour said a committee, which will include student and community leaders, will begin interviewing candidates as soon as it is ready.

Seymour said the committee may also include a football player, someone from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, and someone from campus

### Journalist, author to visit Natchitoches, NSU

Journalist and author Ken Wells will sign books today at PJ's Coffee Shop from 5 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. The book signing is sponsored by the Northwestern State University Writing Project, PJ's Coffee Shop and Campus Corner.

Wells will also speak at 11 a.m. Friday in the Ora G. Williams television studio. His topic will be "Sloppy, Dishonest, Spun Journalism: the Crack Epidemic of our

Wells is currently the editor of the Wall Street Journal's book-publishing division. He has also written three novels on Louisiana, collectively known as the Catahoula Bayou trilogy, and a nonfiction book titled Travels with Barley: a Journey through Beer Culture in America.

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# **SPORTS**

# Alum to lead U.S. men's weightlifting for Olympic Games

Sauce Reporter

A former Demon basketball star-turnedweight training fitness coach has become the second person in the state of Louisiana to be an Olympic head coach.

Gayle Hatch, a Northwestern State alumnus, has been placed in charge of the U.S. Olympic men's weightlifting team. He said he follows 1996 U.S. Olympic baseball head coach and Louisiana native Skip Bertman.

Hatch has been running his own gym in Baton Rouge, which has won several weightlifting competitions. He plans to return to his gym upon finishing his Olympic competition. Hatch said he is amazed by his success and hopes for more in the future.

"It's great to see a 14-year-old kid who is not too strong grow into an all-state athlete," he said. "I plan to return to Baton Rouge after est, Spun the Olympics and continuing on where I left off; in other words, retirement is not a word in my vocabulary at the present time."

Hatch said he started his career in athletics under the tutelage of Alvin Roy in Baton Rouge, where he was performing as an allaround athlete for Catholic High School. He said it was then that he learned the imporiction book tance of weight training in improving athlet-

c performance.
"Weight training was always a part of my athletic career," he said.

After finishing high school, Hatch attended NSU, where he was immortalized in the school's athletic hall of fame. During his time



know some outstanding teammates and friends, and was able to further his abilities as an athlete.

During his time at NSU, Hatch set records in rebounds, field goals and

shooting percentage. Some of these records he still holds 40 years later.

"I think it (NSU) is one of the finest universities for a person to attend," Hatch said. "I had some outstanding teammates."

After graduating from NSU, Hatch moved

into the world of professional basketball, playing for the ABA's Chicago Majors until he took up coaching basketball for the YMCA. It was during this time, he said, that Roy, his old mentor, informed others about his strength training program.

From there, Hatch and coaches he's

tutored have worked with college football teams around the nation. LSU, Miami, and Tennessee all won football's national championship within four years of adopting Hatch's weight training program.

Hatch has also trained Olympians from the 1984, 1988 and 1992 Olympics; won numerous honors and awards for his weight training program; and has been published in human performance catalogs.

The Olympic games run from Aug. 14 through Aug. 25. A full schedule of weightlifting events is available on-line at cbs.sportsline.com/olympics/summer/ schedules/sport/weightlifting.

# Kentucky hires away NSU softball coach

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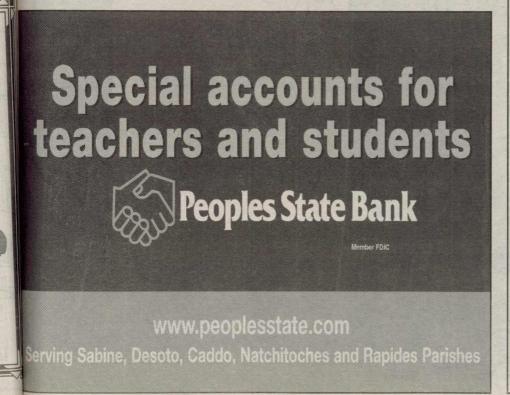
Northwestern State softball coach Eileen Schmidt, who coached 12 All-Southland Conference players in two seasons as the Demons' coach, was hired Tuesday as head coach at Kentucky.

Schmidt, 31, led Northwestern to a 35-28 record this spring and guided the Demons to the championship game of the Southland Conference Tournament last month. She came to NSU in August 2002 after seven years as an assistant coach at Arkansas following two seasons as an assistant at South Carolina. She was the Atlantic Coast Conference 1994 Player of the Year at Virginia and a finalist for the 1996 USA Olympic Softball Team.

The Demons won the UNLV Mini-Tournament in 2004, including a 6-1 win over Arkansas. They ended the season sweeping Arkansas in Fayette ville. Earlier, NSU beat No. 24 Cal State Fullerton and Army at the prestigious Leadoff Classic and in 2003, Schmidt's team beat Notre Dame, among others.

"It's bittersweet," said Schmidt. "This is such a big opportunity career-wise, going into the Southeastern Conference as head coach at one of the nation's premiere institutions, one that competes in the top conference in the country, but I'll be leaving behind a lot of people I've fallen in love with, not only my players, but a great and supportive community, and a wonderful athletic director and his staff.

Schmidt is the third Demon softball coach in five years to be hired at a high profile program. Gay McNutt led Northwestern to three straight SLC titles and two NCAA Tournament berths before Southern Mississippi, coming off a College World Series appearance, hired her in 2000. Texas assistant Ty Singleton was NSU's head coach in 2001-02, leading the 2002 Demons to 45 wins and another NCAA Tournament appearance before getting the Missouri head coaching post.





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# 1% city sales tax on Saturday ballot

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From left: Tiffany Rogers, Liz Maxwell, Chris Ware / Photo by Gary Hardamon

# Taxes focus on law enforcement, firefighters

By Kyle A. Carter Sauce Reporter

This weekend Natchitoches residents will vote whether to raise Natchitoches Parish sales taxes by 1/2 percent and city sales taxes by 1 percent.

The proposal comes as the result of a twoyear process between the city police and fire departments. Both needed to find money within the city budget for capital improve-ments, said Ryan Masters, a driver for the city fire department and president of the

Firefighters' Association.

The bill calls for funds generated by the tax increase to be applied towards salary increases for the parish sheriff's department and Natchitoches police and firefighters, Masters said. Also, the money will be used to provide retirement funds for these departments, upgrade equipment, increase staffing and start work on a fire station near

Sergeant Brad Walker of the Natchitoches police said the Natchitoches police department is presently understaffed by 13 people. The city police department is losing officers to large cities where starting salaries are higher, Walker said, and the department has seen a large change in staff in the last

Walker said Natchitoches' police and fire departments are losing money because they train new recruits, clothe them and arm them, while other cities recruit them without

putting in the money for extensive training that Natchitoches does. The tax increase would allow the departments to offer more competitive salaries to keep police officers and firefighters in Natchitoches.

Walker said the starting salary for police officers in Natchitoches is around \$19,000 a year. For firefighters, Masters said it is just under \$16,000 a year.

"If you want qualified policemen and firemen to protect your city, you're going to have to pay for it," Walker said.

In addition to the money lost in recruitment, Walker said the departments are losing money while trying to provide retirement benefits for their officers and firefight-

Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen said that since the police department has been in a deficit, it has been up to the city to cover those losses. It is the goal of the tax, he said, to help balance the budget.

Masters said that the new tax money received by the fire department would be split between salary increases (40 percent), recruiting new workers (40 percent), and other improvements throughout the depart-

ment (20 percent).

A staff of 45 people currently operates the fire department, Masters said. While the department employs as people as it can with the money it has now, it still needs the tax money in order to operate within standards set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL).

Masters said that the NFPA sets several standards that the department must adhere to. NFPA standards require fire engines to carry four people each, but the city fire department has enough firefighters to place only three men per engine. The tax revenue would help the department recruit enough new workers to meet the NFPA require-

To meet PIAL standards, the fire department plans to use part of the tax money to start building a new fire station near campus, Masters said. They will also use the money to update equipment at the present station and equip the new station.

In turn, Masters said this will lower the city's insurance rating. By lowering the PIAL insurance rating, city residents will pay less on fire insurance premiums.

"If we pass this tax, yeah, people would be spending a little more money," Masters said. "But we can save them on their insur-

The city currently has an 8.5 percent sales tax, said Jerry McWherter, administrator of the Natchitoches Tax Commission. In addition to the 1 percent city sales tax, Saturday's proposal includes a 1/2 percent parish-wide sales tax increase. That increase is for the parish sheriff's department, and the entire parish of Natchitoches will vote on it,

McWherter said that, if passed, the taxes would raise the city sales tax to about 10 per-

cent, placing Natchitoches with four other cities in the state — St. Joseph, Newellton, Waterproof (Tensas Parish) and Oak Grove (West Carroll Parish) — that have a sales tax rate of 10 percent or higher.

McCullen said that such a high tax rate could have an adverse affect on some businesses, as well as the city's reputation as a good retirement city. McCullen said that a high sales tax rate would have the greatest effect on the price of big-ticket items, such as automobiles and appliances, for sale in the city. People could leave the city to purchase such items in places with lower sales taxes.

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He also said that one of the reasons that Natchitoches was rated as one of the top six places to retire was because of the low tax base here. Having such a high sales tax rate

could take away from that.

Both Walker and Masters believed that the new tax would not affect tourist spending, however. Masters said that a few cents to the dollar would not keep people from spending money on what they want.

Both believed that this is the fairest way to have this tax. Masters said that both tourists and the people of Natchitoches will be pay-

ing for this tax.

A sales tax is the most honest tax because everyone has to pay it, including those who will receive that money — in this case, the policemen and firemen," Walker said.

Absentee voting took place last week, but general voting will take place for all registered Natchitoches voters on Saturday.



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## 25th Folk Festival kicks off Friday

**Courtesy NSU News Bureau** 

More than 20 groups reflecting Louisiana's diverse music will perform at the 25th annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival Friday and Saturday in NSU's Prather Coliseum.

Also, for the first time, the annual Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will be held Saturday, July 17 at 9 a.m. as part of the Festival. The event has been moved from Rebel State Historic Site and Country Music Museum in Marthaville. The champion fiddler will play a set on the main stage as part of the Saturday evening show at the Festival.

The Festival will also feature authentic crafts and a variety of food. This year's Festival theme focuses upon the cultures and folk traditions of the Louisiana's Neutral Strip.

The Neutral Strip was about a 40-mile wide strip of land that ran from DeSoto Parish to the Gulf of Mexico and separated Spanish Texas from American Louisiana from 1806 to 1821. Several narrative sessions will be held to discuss aspects of this colorful time in regional history.

Lisa Abney, who has directed the Festival since 1999, said the University community and volunteers from the city and parish have been instrumental in supporting the Folk Festival, both financially and through volunteers. About 500 volunteers work the two-day event, taking tickets, providing information to visitors and helping with many other tasks.

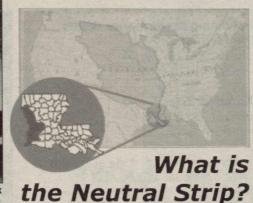
"Our aim has been to present and docu-



Photo by Leslie Westbrook Volunteers help set up for the NSU-Natchitoches Folk Festival in Prather Coliseum Wednesday.

ment the folk culture of Louisiana," Abney said. "The cultural groups decide what they want to share and don't want to share. We assist them and we guide them, but they know their culture best. We provide a context through narratives and cultural displays."

Ticket prices are \$7 per day for adults and \$3 for children aged seven through 12 years. Children six and under are admitted free. A \$12 all-event pass is available for advance purchase. Group rates are available but must be pre-arranged and pre-purchased. For more information and a full itinerary of events, artists and musical performances, call the Louisiana Folklife Center at 357-4332 or visit their Web site at www.nsula.edu/folklife.



 The Neutral Strip was designated in 1806 as a buffer zone between American Louisiana and Spanish Texas. The 40-mile wide strip of land ran from

DeSoto to Cameron Parishes.

 The land developed over time into a dangerous place where pirates and outlaws abounded. By 1819, the strip had become such an ungovernable and dangerous place that the Spanish ceded it to America with the Adams-Onis Treaty.

 The culture of the Neutral Strip continues to change today with the relatively recent expansion of Fort Polk and the construction of Toledo Bend Reservoir.

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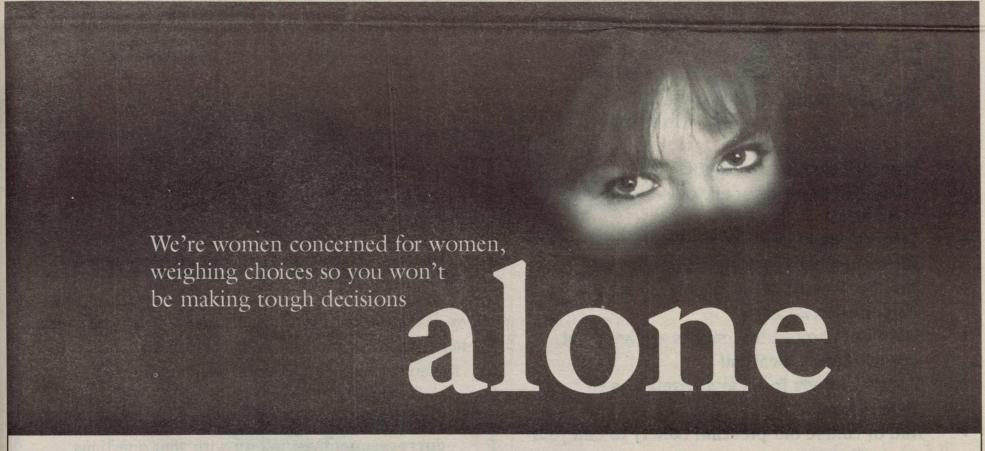
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# Dinner theater heads into final weeks

By Kyle A. Carter Sauce Reporter

Casts and crews are wrapping up this year's Summer Dinner Theatre with the last few productions of the musicals Dames at Sea and The Fantasticks.

Dames at Sea is a humorous musical that the cast of six really brought to light. Much like the 1930's movie musicals it parodies, this production presented an outstanding mixture of musical arrangements, superb acting, fantastic tap dancing and a set that left out no detail to create a performance all people could enjoy.

Liz Maxwell and Billy Mowbray's "Choo Choo Honeymoon" highlighted the



Remaining performance dates: The Fantasticks July 15, 17, 23, 29, 31 August 7

Dames at Sea: July 16, 22, 24, 30 August 5, 6

Dinner is served on stage at 6:30 p.m. with curtain at 7:30 p.m.

show. The comical song and dance number featured Mowbray making humorous 'choo-choo" noises.

The set to "Dames at Sea," however, was no laughing matter. The musical, which is set in a dance studio and a battleship, was complimented by very realistic looking background sets. The battleship scene in particular resembles a real sea cruiser so much that one could almost hear the sea gulls and feel the sea air.

The Fantasticks featured more acting and singing than the dance-focused Dames at Sea. Exaggerated movements, such as when Chris Ware's gushing death scene, mostly made up this production. To add to the humor, the cast interacted with the audience by directing questions to them or reaching out to them, as Kent Bernard did when showing off his ability to feign



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From left, Kyle LeMaire, Mary Watson, Tiffany Rogers, Liz Maxwell and Chris Ware dance and grin through the NSU Summer Dinner Theatre musical Dames at Sea. The show runs through Aug. 6

Expect this musical to be a bawdy, rau- Whittaker gave the shows a more profescous event with plenty of tumbling about and hilarious dialogue.

Chris Ware, Tiffany Rogers, Liz Maxwell and Kyle LeMarie all appear in both productions, with LeMarie dual-cast as Mr. Hennessey and the battleship captain in

Don Whittaker, the musical director for both productions, should also be commended for playing piano in both shows. sional atmosphere with his play, and brought Broadway a little closer to home.

Both musical productions were a blast to see. The shows only have six productions left, as of today, before the end of the productions. Each costs \$20 per person, which includes the cost of a full meal. To make reservations or for more information, contact the theater department by calling 357-5744 or e-mailing nfburrellc@nsula.edu.

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Movie Review

Anchorman

☆☆☆ out of five

By Leslie Westbrook Photo Editor

Sometimes the best reaction to a joke is alence — or at least that's what it seems writing Will Ferrell and Adam McKay were banking on with *Anchorman*.

Certainly, there was no lack of locker room tumor, but unless you're a dim-witted toad if a movie goer, those jokes don't satisfy the tunny bone for the movie's nearly two hours. For that matter, neither does the plot, or what there is of one. Ferrell plays Ron Burgundy, a caricature of a 1970's San Diego news anchor who enjoys and flaunts his top local news spot. But then Veronica Corningstone (Christina Applegate) comes along, desperate to become the first anchorwoman.

Corningstone plunges nearly head-first nto her inevitable affair with Burgundy. The over scene breaks into a fabulous animated nusical interlude (with stars and unicorns) in

a place called Pleasureland to fill the gap when the two anchorpeople romp in the bedroom. No, seriously.

Corningstone manages to hold on to her silly, though somewhat journalistic, wits and objectives, despite Burgundy's jealousy of her success. The plot doesn't venture far from there, but manic news-team street fights and other absurdities move the film along just fine.

The big news around town seems to be a panda in labor at the zoo. When all the news teams show up for the scoop, bears and mean-spirited PBS journalists get rowdy, after which nothing is surprising.

The laughs are there for the taking, no matter what your sense of humor is, but don't watch for superior cinematics or cutting edge satire. Some jokes are funny — if only because they're completely absurd — while others spill over into that stressful, I'membarrassed-for-the-character range. However, true comedic cameos by Luke Wilson, Ben Stiller and Jack Black give the movie several audience-friendly punchlines.

So if sitting through a loon's version of reality in 70's broadcast news sounds fun, then there's laughs all the way through the last credits of *Anchorman* 

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### **What's Current**

From staff reports

### Supervisors OK Campus Corner bookstores bid

The University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors approved NSU's decision to negotiate with Campus Corner to have them operate the University's oncampus bookstores.

Campus Corner would succeed Barnes and Noble Campus Bookstores, whose contract expires in August.

Director of Auxiliary Services Jennifer Anderson said she hopes the three-year contract, with two possible one-year extensions, will be fully negotiated by Aug. 1. It is not known when Campus Corner will move into the University's three on-campus locations in Natchitoches, Shreveport and Leesville.

The Board approved the bid on June 24.

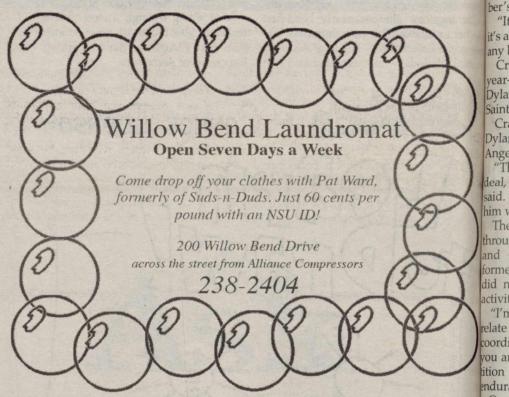
### KNWD equipment stolen; case still open

Journalism Operations Engineer Roy Davis found the back door to KNWD's studio shattered on the morning of June 30.

Davis, whose office is in the studio, said a desktop computer, two speakers, an amplifier and an unspecified number of tripods were missing. He reported the apparent theft to campus police.

As of Tuesday, University Police Det. Doug Prescott said the case was still open, and that police were still investigating the break-in.

Prescott said anyone with information about the break-in or burglar should contact University Police at 357-5431. Any information submitted would be confidential, and informants would not be identified.



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# Alumnus to compete on ESPN reality show

By Elaine Broussard Editor in Chief

NSU alumnus Heath Crawford doesn't mind making a deal with the devil to make is son's sports fantasy come true.

Crawford, who graduated from NSU in 2000, will be competing in ESPN's upcoming reality television show, Deal With The Devil. Crawford and his fellow contestants will be put up to a series of extreme sport identi- challenges with the goal of out enduring each other to make a friend or family member's sports dream come true.

"It's kind of like (NBC's) Fear Factor, but it's all sports stuff, and we won't have to eat any bugs," Crawford said.

Crawford will be competing for his 11year-old son, Dylan. If Crawford wins, Dylan will get to go to the New Orleans Saints football training camp.

Crawford said that ESPN would include Dylan in the filming of the show in Los Angeles from July 25 to July 28.

"They're going to film a background deal, an expose on him and me," Crawford said. "Then, they're probably going to film him watching me as I compete.

The contestants for the show did not go through prior training, although medical and psychiatric evaluations were performed, Crawford said. Also, he said ESPN did not tell the contestants exactly what activities that they will be participating in.

"I'm sure it will be a lot of things that elate to how good of shape you are in, how coordinated you are and how intelligent you are, too," Crawford said. "The compeition is for four days, all day long, so ndurance is going to play into it a lot." Crawford said he first heard about the



Special to the Current Sauce Heath (at right) and Dylan Crawford pose before going snowboarding.

contest from a television commercial. He looked it up on the Internet, filled out an application and a questionnaire, was interviewed by ESPN, and was eventually chosen to be part of the show's cast.

The cast was chosen from applicants nationwide, and a variety of people will be competing in the contest.

I heard that there will even be some older, retired people who are in really good shape," Crawford said.

Crawford said he is not nervous about competing in extreme sports activities on national television.

"I do extreme sports all of the time, like skydiving and snowboarding," Crawford said, "It's part of my life. It's kind of like just another day for me.'

While Crawford was an NSU student, he participated on the NSU Crew and served as editor in chief of The Potpourri and photo editor of the Current Sauce.

Crawford currently lives in Los Angeles

and works as a photographer.

The air dates of *Deal With The Devil* have not yet been released.

## **Sports in Brief**

From wire and staff reports

### Three with NSU ties vie for Olympic competition

Northwestern State assistant track and field coach LaMark Carter hopes to make the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team in the men's triple jump for the second time this weekend while former Demon All-American Kenta Bell, the clear favorite in the event, is bidding for his first Olympic

Carter and Bell begin competition in preiminary qualifying this afternoon at the U.S. Olympic Team Track and Field Trials, hosted by Cal State-Sacramento. A third former Northwestern All-American, men's javelin star Latrell Frederick, also competes in preliminaries in his event today.

They hope to advance to finals on Saturday afternoon. The top three finishers in each event qualify to join Team USA for the 2004 Athens Olympics later this sum-

Bell has the top six jumps, and seven of

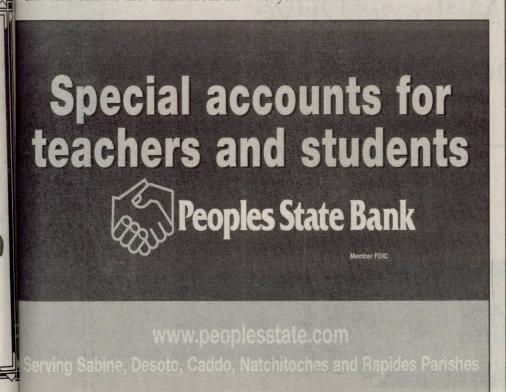
the top eight, by an American this year. Carter, wrapping up his first year on the NSU track and field coaching staff, is a five-time USA champion in the triple jump. Frederick, a Benton native, was also a three-time All-America winner while competing for Northwestern.

Today's competition will be covered on television on USA Network beginning at 9 p.m. Saturday's competition will be carried on NBC, with the triple jump finals slated to start at 3 p.m. and the javelin at 3:30

### Two football players academically ineligible

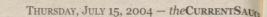
The Alexandria Town Talk reported on July 8 that two NSU football players will be ineligible for the next football season.

2003 starting fullback Titus May and wide receiver Anthony Moss both failed to meet academic eligibility standards, according to The Town Talk. Issa Banna will replace May at fullback, while the Demons have enough depth at wide receiver to fill in the absence of Moss.





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